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JANUARY 7, 1998

Volume 55, No. 1

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



A new year has dawned upon us and with the coming of a new year comes many opportunities to grow in our faith and discover new avenues for service to others in the name of Christ.

This is an exciting time to be a part of First Christian Church. Tomorrow (Tuesday) evening the Elders and the Search Committee will be meeting with Dr. Brynolf Lyon to explore some issues related to the church and the calling of new leadership. In the

very near future we will be setting up a series of "home meetings" where every member of First Christian will have an opportunity to express their thoughts on the strengths as well as the needs of our congregation. We will also have the opportunity to dream a bit about the future and express our hopes and formulate a vision (completed on page 2)
PASTOR'S PEN continued



for the future ministries of the

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church.

Two meetings were held today (Monday) regarding the mentoring program and some special adult education offerings. I have always had a strong commitment to the teaching role of the pastor. I will be delighted to exercise this role in a variety of

course offerings and settings over the next several weeks. We have attempted to design a schedule which will provide opportunities for everyone to be involved yet not disturb current adult educational offerings on Sunday morning. We will have a Sunday morning session for persons not currently involved in a church school class. We will also have sessions on Sunday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Hopefully this range of choices will make it possible for all who are interested to share in this experience.

The first course will begin on January 18 and continue for four weeks on the schedule noted above. We will be focusing on the subject "American Religious Thought" This course will be a quick survey of the major movements of religious life as it developed in America, concluding

with some perspective on the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its place in this history as well as where we are now. Please note the article elsewhere in this edition of the Tidings and complete the enrollment form. You can either mail it to the church or drop it in the offering tray on Sunday morning.

I look forward to sharing with you in these special times of study and searching. May God bless our efforts to understand more fully that we may, in turn, serve more faithfully!

Shalom,

Pastor Bill



Thank you for the beautiful Poinsettia. It looks lovely in my living room! Thank you also to those who come to give me communion. I really appreciate it.

Valetta Parlette

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 a.m. Parenthetical Players

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

Coffee Fellowship

5:00-7:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 p.m. Young Adult Group

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

9:30 a.m. Sewing Group

6:30 p.m. Administrative Board

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club

joys
&
concerns

Kathlyn Banet and Ruth

Truesdell are doing very well at this time. Share with them a card, call or visit. Ruth would also like a ride to **second service**. Call the church office if you can help.

Joan Franklin continues to recover at home. Remember her in your prayers and encouragement as she continues her therapy and healing.

Bev Hendricks has moved to Lutheran Hospice (Fairfield).

Pray that **Valetta Parlette** gains strength in her legs so it is easier for her to move around.

Offering Envelopes

1998 Offering Envelopes are now available in the church narthex. Please pick yours up this Sunday!

Rachel Group

Rachel Group will meet this month on Tuesday, January 20th at the home of Jessie Fern Woodward - 414 E. Paulding Rd. They are currently studying about the women of the Bible. Come join in this interesting study.

PURSUING PEACE

North Koreans are suffering from a famine caused by over 2 years of floods, a severe drought and a tidal wave which destroyed sea walls allowing salt water to infiltrate 2 1/2 miles inland. Food production in 1998 is expected to cover less than half the country's needs.

Hyo-Jung Kim, Global Ministries missionary serving in Seoul, South Korea, with our partner the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), reports that - despite strong pressure from the South Korean government to stop - some South Korean citizens' groups are trying to send food aid to North Korea and raise public awareness about the famine. One of the most active was founded a couple of years ago when South and North Korean women met and "Women Making Peace" developed. The group conducts weekly fundraisers for food aid, is committed to peace and reunification of the two Koreas, and is especially concerned about women's and children's issues. Some of the group are leading members in PROK churches.

"Although the Korean situation raises military/security issues, as

Christians concerned with peace and justice," said Hyo-Jung, "we are called to respond to suffering people whether they are in our backyards or halfway around the world. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, called us to act justly to those who are hungry (Mt. 25:31-46). "Jesus did not withhold love and justice from people because of their political affiliation or country of

origin." She asks us to keep the people of both Koreas in our prayers, and to pray specifically that people around the world will respond quickly to the North Korean food crisis.

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You make the difference . .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations makes possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES missionaries, who are supported by basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ

GLOBAL MINISTRIES
December 1997

DID YOU KNOW ?

*Did you know.....*that Don Parlette has moved from his daughter's and is living permanently with his wife Valetta at Kingston Residence?

*Did you know.....*that we have to have steam lines repaired in the fellowship hall floor?

*Did you know.....*that Brenda Kelly, Judy Church and Eunice Conrad are sponsoring the mentoring program this year?

(If you have any tidbits for "Did You Know" call the church office by Mon-



PRAYER SEMINAR HERE!

FEBRUARY 1, 1998

Afternoon

**Rev. Maribeth Blackman
(DHM staff)**

**???? call Kris Ohneck
(home 447-2833) (work 461-2883)**

PLEASE NOTE!

If your address or zip code changes please let the church office know as soon as possible. Each time a *Tidings* is returned because the address is not correct it costs the church at least 46¢. The Post Office also requests that we keep the zip codes current - They even say we should call every person to verify their zip code before each mailing. Please save your church the money and hassle by letting us know as soon as you know.

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
Sunday School	41		
December 28	98	\$3,523.88	*\$1,156.25
Year-to-date	171	*\$183,241.76	*\$172,707.52

* Numbers have been corrected from those printed in the bulletin January 4.

What Do They Do?

Standing Committees

- 1 The members of this committee shall consist of the chairperson and eight (8), to twelve (12), persons. Committee members shall be selected by the chairperson in consultation with the Senior Pastor and elected by the Board of Trustees.
- 2 Members of this committee shall be selected on the basis of their commitment to Christ and their skill in enlisting and enabling people for leadership and responsibilities in the life of the congregation..
- 3 Functions of committee
 - a Develop an effective and coordinated program of Leadership Development needs expressed in terms of goals and objectives.
 - b Maintain a church personnel file listing talents, interests, and past service.
 - c Having secured the consent of prospective candidates, nominate officers, Elders, members of the Diaconate, committee chairpersons, offering accountants, ushers, other elected members of the Board of Trustees, voting delegates to Area Board and Regional and General Assemblies. Nomi-

nations shall reflect as wide a diversity of people as possible. The committee shall nominate persons only if at least two-thirds of the committee is present and voting.

- d Serve as an assisting resource for other personnel needs in the church.
- e Nominate members to fill vacancies.
- f Nominate members for honorary offices.
- g Provide for annual evaluation and reassessment of goals and objectives.



Altar Flowers

With the coming of the new year comes the opportunity once again to honor a loved one or celebrate an event by giving the altar flowers. Sign up now on the chart in the narthex for the Sunday(s) you would like.

NEW CLASS COMING SOON!

RELIGION IN AMERICA

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COUNT ME IN! I plan to attend the study of Religion in America.

I will attend the: ☐ Sunday morning session
☐ Sunday evening session
☐ Wednesday morning session

Signed: _____

SERVING JANUARY 11 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. S. Hayes & K. Ohneck

10:45 a.m. B. Widmer & C. Hatten

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Crouse, M. Mullen, J. Ott, D. Schuricht

10:45 a.m. G. Baitz, J. Baitz, D. Bohlen, J. Bohlen, S. Brickley, G. Cole, T. Knuckles, L. McFarland, R. Wise

COMMUNION PREPARATION JANUARY 11

L. McFarland, J. Arnold, L. Vandergriff

LAY READERS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

January 9-23

Monica Moore(9), Myrtle DeVinney(10), Scott Murray(10), Polly Quinn(10), Cortney Lyons(11), Deb Schuricht(12), Greg Baitz(13), Jeff Murray(13), John Roush(14), Marty Bier(15), Melissa Chapin(15), Michael Mullen(15), Stephanie Richards(15), **Jeff Young (1/15/08) (90 Years Old)**, Diane Zehr(15) Jeremy Bushey(16), **Calvin Jones(1/17/08)(90 Years Old)**, Jack Williams(17), Sue Brickley(18), Lauren Brosey(18), Chip Olson(19), **Mark Snyder (1/20/06)(92 Years Old)**, Daniel Auer(21), Jim Bushey(21), James Plummer(21), Harriett Cole(23), Delores Keebortz(23), Ian Proegler(23)

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JANUARY 14, 1998

Volume 55, No. 2

PRAYER SEMINAR

Sunday, February 1
1:00-3:30 P.M.
(Only Two Weeks Away)

There will be a Prayer Seminar held here at First Christian Church Sunday afternoon, February 1, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Rev. Maribeth Blackman of the DHM staff will be leading the seminar. Soup and sandwiches will be served in the Board room right after second service for those attending the Seminar. Child care will be provided. This is a tremendous opportunity to deepen your

prayer life (and who doesn't need that?) Please call the church office to register NOW (by Thursday, January 29th at the latest).



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The next few weeks can be a rewarding time at First Christian Church. We have a number of new opportunities in the planning hopper as well as the continuing ministry of our church.

I want to emphasize the importance of the upcoming Vision Meetings. We are in the process of recruiting and training people to serve as host/hostess and group leaders for these meetings. Every member of the congregation is invited to share in one of these meetings and make a contribution to our future together. Participants will have the opportunity to respond to three basic questions in the Vision Meetings. We will ask you to:

1. **Affirm our strengths**
2. **Assess our needs**
3. **Articulate your vision**

Worksheets will be provided for written responses and opportunity will be given to discuss (not debate or evaluate) the responses given. It is a good and positive experience to identify what we are now doing well and is worthy of celebration! It is also important to identify areas of our life together where we have unmet needs which should be addressed by our church program. It is imperative that we be a peo-

ple of vision, (where there is no vision the people perish). Visioning, in the sense of these meetings, is creative dreaming. When the vision is articulated, we can begin to focus our energies and resources on the work of transforming dreams into realities.

I am sharing the basic format of our meetings in order that each member might begin now to reflect on these three areas as they prepare to share in the experience. When all of the meetings are over I will assemble a report from the data provided and suggest which of our departments should be assigned the hard work of planning for the future, based on the input we have from the congregation.

We are planning for 10 meetings in homes and have attempted to establish them in different geographical locations so everyone can participate without a long drive. In addition, I will lead two sessions here at the church, providing a day-time opportunity for persons who do not like to be out at night.

Watch for the location and time for the meeting near you and plan to participate! We want to hear from each member of First Christian!

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

Prayers for the Children

Approximately 300 congregations in Allen County are involved in a program of praying for the children in our community. We will include this prayer focus as part of the pastoral prayer each week for the next 16 weeks.

If space permits we will print the prayer focus for each of the upcoming weeks. The prayer for last Sunday, January 11 is printed below.

"Lord, we come before your throne in thanks and adoration for the children in this congregation and of this community. You have blessed us with resources and abilities to meet the varied needs of these children, but we have not always ministered to them as you have commanded. Forgive us, Lord. As this county recovers from this past year of unparalleled violence, guide your church through the power of your Holy Spirit to lead this community to take sanctuary in your protective care.

Lord, protect and heal the children and families of our community so that the people in our community will know that you are God and that there is no one else who can heal our land. In Christ's name. Amen.



"Jesus said, "Let the Children come to me"

Rachel Group - Tuesday

Rachel Group will meet this coming Tuesday, January 20th at the home of Jessie Fern Woodward - 414 E. Paulding Rd. They are currently studying about the women of the Bible. Come join in this interesting study.

Surprise 90th Birthday Party

You Are Invited
to a

Surprise Party for Rychie Smell
(former member)

To Celebrate Her 90th Birthday
Saturday, January 17
1-4 P.M.

Robin Run Village
Stucky Memorial Community Room
5354 W. 62nd St.
Indianapolis, Indiana

For questions or directions call
Sharon Hofmeister (granddaughter)
at 317-889-5388.

If you cannot attend please send cards
(AFTER the 17th) to:

6409 Peace Place, Indianapolis, IN 46268

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 a.m. Parenthetical Players

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir & Chamber
Singers Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Chamber Choir Sings

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

Coffee Fellowship

5:00-7:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:30 a.m. Rachel Group at Jessie Fern's

6:30 p.m. Adventure Club Parents

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club

Congregational Meeting Jan. 18 9:30 A.M. 1998 Budget Approval

A Congregational Meeting will be held on January 18 at 9:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary to approve the 1998 budget and respond to other items as needed.

Please plan now to attend this meeting.

Roger Moll,
Board Moderator

Offering Envelopes

If you have not picked up your 1998 Offering Envelopes yet, please do so today. They can be found in the church narthex.

Pick yours up NOW!

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Year-to-date	98	\$3,523.88	\$4,273.17



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES:

The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

Covington Manor Nursing Center, 5700 Wilkie Dr. 46804

Lucille Branstrator

Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road 46819

Valetta Parlette, Room 410

Lutheran Home, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Sarah Smith, Room C356

Mariner Health Care Center, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835

Bernice Montgomery, Room 301

Ossian Health Care, 215 Davis Road, Ossian, IN 46774

Dorothy Green, Room 301A

Riverbend, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

Renaissance Village, 650 S. 800 E-92 46804

*Kathlyn Banet, Room 218

*Raymond (Room 104) & Mildred (Room 118) Sarrazin

St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-B

Townhouse Health Center, 2209 St. Joe Center Road 46825

Lola Miller, Room 201

AT HOME:

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, 746 Candlelite Court 46807

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

Andy Cook, 11335 Gongwer Drive 46845

What Do They Do?

Board of Elders

- 1 Church members shall be nominated to serve on the Board of Elders on the basis of their commitment to Christ and their ability and desire to serve the congregation in enabling and pastoral roles.
- 2 Persons to be elected Elders shall be nominated by the Lay Leadership Committee in consultation with the chairperson of the Board of Elders and shall be elected by the congregation for a three year term. Elders will serve one term followed by one year off before being elected to serve again. The Elders will be elected to one of three classes, with one class finishing a three year term at the conclusion of each church year.
- 3 Membership
 - a Ordained members of the ministerial staff of the church shall be considered Elders for as long as they serve as ministers.
 - b The minimum number of Elders serving on the Board of Elders shall be determined by figuring a ratio of one elder for every forty participating members of the congregation or major fraction thereof.

- c The maximum number of Elders serving on the Board of Elders shall be determined by figuring a ratio of one elder for every twenty participating members of the congregation or major faction thereof.

4. Functions

- a Individual functions
 - 1 Preside at communion in corporate worship and in the homebound situation.
 - 2 Serve in pastoral roles and in a consultative relationship with the ministerial staff.
 - 3 Serve as spiritual leaders of the congregation.
- b The Board shall meet a minimum of four times annually to coordinate individual functions and to serve as an evaluative and long range planning group for the congregation.
- c The Board shall review and evaluate the work of the ministerial staff annually, and shall make recommendation to the Finance Committee regarding compensation of the ministerial staff.

SIGN UP FOR NEW CLASS!

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☐ Wednesday morning session

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8:15 a.m. B. Bier & A. Moll

10:45 a.m. J. Mey & B. Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M. Bier, D. Keebortz, K. Moll

10:45 a.m. S. Brey, L. Brey, L. Deck, C. Deck, E. Gorman, H. Mathis, E. Rieke, L. Whitworth, W. Whitworth

COMMUNION PREPARATION JANUARY 18 & 25

E. Gorman, Katie Moll, T. Knuckles

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

G. Bruckman & Katie Moll, E. Conrad & L. Brey, D. Heimann & S. Brey, J. Church & S. Brickley

LAY READERS

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

January 15-31

Marty Bier(15), Melissa Chapin(15), Michael Mullen(15), Stephanie Richards(15), Jeff Young (1/15/08) (90 Years Old), Diane Zehr(15) Jeremy Bushey(16), Calvin Jones(1/17/08)(90 Years Old), Jack Williams(17), Sue Brickley(18), Lauren Brosey(18), Chip Olson(19), Mark Snyder (1/20/06)(92 Years Old), Daniel Auer(21), Jim Bushey(21), James Plummer(21), Harriett Cole(23), Delores Keebortz(23), Ian Proegler(23), Mimi Westfield(24), Nicholas Whitworth(24), Marilyn Rieke(25), Sally Rudy(25), Linda Stover(25), Janet Weicker(27), Karen Bushey(27), Dorothy Green(27), Bill Kerley(28), Wade Smith(28), Mike Walsh(28), Courtney Proegler(29), Martha Warner(30), Kathy Cron(31)

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Tidings

JANUARY 21, 1998

Volume 55, No. 3

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Sunday was a busy and productive day at First Christian. I learned a long time ago that busyness, in and of itself, is not necessarily productive. We need to measure the outcome of our efforts before we label them productive.

Preparation for our visioning meetings is off to a good start. Thirteen leaders were present for the training session Sunday afternoon. Note the information elsewhere in this edition of the *Tidings* about the upcoming meetings. Normally we do not feel comfortable "inviting" ourselves to someone else's home, but you are **encouraged** to do so for one of the meetings planned

over the next four weeks. We hope to have at least 100 members participate in this process. Check the locations and times, where established, and give the leader a call and let them know you will be present at their meeting.

This Sunday I will be preaching on the theme, "The Vital Congregation." The text is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians; *"God put all things under Christ's feet and gave him to the church as supreme Lord over all things, The church is Christ's body, the completion of him who himself completes all things everywhere."*

That text is both exciting and sobering. If we are the completion of Christ's body, the body of Christ in the world,
continued on page 2

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PASTOR'S PEN (continued from page 1)
what are we called to be and do that will reflect the spirit of Christ in us? What ministries do we undertake with a passion? What commitments do we make to a Lord whose commitments to us led to a cross?

I look forward to greeting you this Sunday as we gather for worship and equip ourselves to be servants of the servant Christ.

Shalom,
Pastor Bill

VISION MEETINGS

Leaders for our 10 Vision Meetings have been selected and trained! We encourage **every member** of First Christian Church to participate in this very important undertaking. You will have the opportunity to list what you believe to be the **strengths** of our congregation, the **needs** of our congregation and to express your **vision** for the future of First Christian Church.

We have attempted to locate the vision meetings in such a way that no one will need to drive a long distance to participate in the program. The host/leader along with their address and telephone number is listed on the opposite page. The remaining five will be announced as soon as the information is available. Please select a time and location convenient for you and **CALL THE HOST/LEADER**, letting them know of your intention to be present for their meeting. We would like to have 10-15 people at each of the meetings.

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR
DATES DUE
NOW**

VISION MEETING LOCATIONS

NORTHWEST

Evelyn Yeoman

Thursday, January 29 7:00-9:00p.m.
5613 Squiredale Ln. 747-3613

NORTHEAST

The Moll's

Friday, February 6 7:00-9:00p.m.
5005 Desoto Dr. 482-7519

The Bruckman's

(date not established)
3724 South Dr. 486-0168

SOUTHWEST

The Mullin's

Thursday, Feb. 12 7:00-9:00p.m.
4330 Harrison 745-9154

The Wise'

(date not established)
14815 Sea Holly Ct. 482-4609

The Bushey's

(date not established)
6711 Blue Mist Rd 747-3770

SOUTHEAST

Eunice Conrad

(meeting held at the church)
(date not established)
phone 744-9519

The Evans

Wednesday, Feb 4 6:30-8:30 p.m.
4524 Lafayette Esplanade 744-2748

The Brey's

Monday, February 9 7:00-9:00p.m.
3005 Linden Dr. 447-3540

The Mey's

(date not established)
10330 Tillman Rd. 493-3993

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Sunday School	55		
January 11	129	\$3,523.88	\$1,984.55
Year-to-date	264	\$7,047.76	\$6,257.72

JOYS & CONCERNS

Joan Franklin continues to recover at home. Remember her in your prayers and encouragement as she continues her therapy and healing.

Bev Hendricks returned home on Friday, January 16th. Praise God and ask him for his continued strength and encouragement for her and her family.

Mark Snyder's sister Bernice Hawkin will have surgery on January 27th at Home Hospital, Lafayette, IN. This is to correct a broken neck that failed to heal after a fall last October.

What a joy you all are! Joan is so thankful for your prayers, cards, calls, flowers and food. We know the prayers have been helpful. Joan steadily improves from her knee replacement (Five weeks ago today-1/19/98). However, rehabilitation takes time and progress sometimes seems slow but with God's grace she will be back in action soon!

Thanks and love to everyone of you,

Bill Franklin

P.S. Joan's therapist asks us to pray for 110°s of flexion - that will be an important recovery milestone!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

10:00 a.m. Parenthetical Players

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Chancel Choir Sings

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Everyone!

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

Coffee Fellowship

3:00-5:00 p.m. Religion in America

5:00-7:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Requisitions Picked Up

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:30 a.m. Sewing Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30-11:30 a.m. Religion in America

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00-11:00 a.m. Mentoring Orientation



What Do They Do?

Personnel committee

- a The members of this committee shall consist of the chairperson, two Elders, two members of the Diaconate, and four members of the congregation at large. The Moderator shall select the committee members in consultation with the Lay Leadership Committee. Committee members shall serve for a two year period with members serving no more than two consecutive terms without an interval of one year.
- b Members of this committee shall be selected on the basis of their commitment to Christ and their desire to establish and maintain a healthy working relationship between the church and its employees.
- c Functions of Committee
- i) To make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for the filling of non-ministerial staff vacancies.
 - ii) To act in cooperation with the ministerial staff in the termination of the service of non- ministerial staff.
 - iii) To evaluate the work of the non--ministerial staff, and in coordination with the Senior Pastor, make recommendations to the Finance Committee regarding compensation.

- iv) At least annually, and at such other times as deemed necessary, review with the Senior Pastor the deployment of our staff and the need for changes or additions in job descriptions.

 * **PEACE** *
 * Peace is love, *
 * music, *
 * It is friendly, caring... *
 * Peace is pink, *
 * blue, *
 * yellow, *
 * purple. *
 * It's a rainbow, *
 * a hug, *
 * a friend, *
 * a song. *
 * It's birds tweeting. *
 * Peace is nice. *
 * *Peace* *
 * *Peace is sharing,* *
 * *sleeping...* *
 * *Peace is angels,* *
 * *a quiet stream...* *
 * *It's soft. It's old.* *
 * *Peace is* *
 * *blue,* *
 * *white,* *
 * *green,* *
 * *and black.* *
 * Poems written by Peacemakers in *
 * Miss Becca's Thursday class *
 * *****

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1998 BUDGET

January 18, 1998

First Christian Church held a congregational meeting at 9:30 A.M. to approve the 1998 operating budget. There were 36 members present at the meeting and many questions clarifying the budget line items were raised. A motion to approve the budget as printed passed by unanimous vote. Moderator Moll announced that a capital campaign to repay the balance of the building improvements would occur before June 1. Members should begin to plan their capital pledge commitment for the upcoming period.

The search committee will use the results of the Vision Meetings to prepare to call a new pastor. Moderator Moll suggested that the search committee hopes to have resumes in March to begin to review. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Moll
Board Moderator

First Christian Church 1998 Budget

Income

Pledges	\$145,000
Loose/Sunday School	\$ 4,920
Non-Pledged Giving	\$ 13,000
Out Reach Income	*10%to O.S.
	\$162,920
Food Bank	\$ 3,000
Memorial Interest	\$ 5,000
Checking Interest	\$ 480
Department Income	\$ 16,500
Total Income	\$187,900

Expenses

Christian Education	\$ 5,000
Property	\$ 28,000
Stewardship	\$ 1,000
Lay Leadership	\$ 400
Fellowship	\$ 2,000
Worship	\$ 4,000
Outreach & Service	\$ 16,000
Evangelism	\$ 5,000
Office	\$ 9,000
Personnel	\$113,000
Food Bank	\$ 3,000
Elders	\$ 500
Walk to Bethlehem	\$ 1,000
Total Expenses	\$187,900
Income - Expenses	\$ —

We Love Our Volunteers!

In addition to the very special people who volunteer to lead us on Sunday mornings in the growth of our faith and our relationship with God, there others who volunteer weekly to serve God through other ministries. As with all lists, there is the chance we'll miss some. Please let us know.

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday morning these people take turns helping to feed the hungry through the

FOOD BANK:

Ed & Sue Allen
 Ralph & Judy Church
 Eunice Conrad
 Bill Crouse
 Marv Crouse
 Robin Evans
 Bill & Jo Franklin
 Teresa Hatten
 Dave Kreischer
 Phyllis Long
 Orie & Marilyn McDougale
 Sally Rudy
 Bob Smith
 Martha Snively
 Erma Vanderwall
 Vince Wells
 Bob Westerfield
 Evelyn Yeoman
 Jeff Young
 Mildred Hartman

Wednesday mornings at around 7:00 a.m. these people are at the church preparing the

TIDINGS for mailing:

Jewel Byrket
 Bill & Jo Franklin
 Jackie Keller
 Mark Snyder
 Jessie Fern Woodward
 Ruth Yentes

These volunteers assist the church secretary with all sorts of jobs in the

OFFICE

Jessie Fern Woodward - Monday mornings
 Sue Brickley - Wednesday mornings
 Mary Wilhelm - Thursday afternoons (stuff & staple bulletins)

Volunteer in just another name for Christians serving the Lord on a regular basis in a particular ministry. "Thank you for serving the Lord".

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SERVING JANUARY 25**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ohneck & E. Conrad**10:45 a.m.** D. Heimann & J. Church**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Crouse, M. Mullen,
J. Ott, D. Schuricht**10:45 a.m.** C. Falbe, L. Heimann, M.
McDougle, O. McDougle, K. Scott,
L. Stover, L. Vandergriff, E. Yeoman**COMMUNION PREPARATION****JANUARY 25**

E. Gorman, Katie Moll, T. Knuckles

LAY READER

Sue Knuckles

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Dick & Judy Mey

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**January 23-February 6**

Harriett Cole(23), Delores Keebortz(23),
 Ian Proegler(23), Mimi Westerfield(24),
 Nicholas Whitworth(24), Marilyn
 Rieke(25), Sally Rudy(25), Linda
 Stover(25), Janet Weicker(27), Karen
 Bushey(27), Dorothy Green(27), Bill Ker-
 ley(28), Wade Smith(28), Mike
 Walsh(28), Courtney Proegler(29),
 Martha Warner(30), Kathy Cron(31),
 Bobbie Lindsay(2/1), Judy Mey(2/1), Eric
 Mory(4), Justin Rumpel(4), Ruth
 Yentes(4), Larry Brey(7), Anne Moll(7),
 Elinor Place(7)



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MEET OUR NEW SECRETARY

Hello! Let me introduce myself. My name is Patricia Barnes. As of Monday, January 26th - I am your new church secretary.

I came to First Christian Church from Guardian Industries, in Auburn. They are a manufacturer of automotive glass. I was employed at Guardian as secretary to the plant manager for these past 10 years.

My husband, Talmadge, and I have been married for 35 years and are the proud parents of 5 children, proud grandparents of 15 grandchildren and better still great grandparents of a 1 year old great granddaughter.

My husband is retired from North American Van Lines after 32 years of service - and he is becoming very good at doing house wifely chores. However, he does still work one day a week road testing truck drivers for a local trucking company.

Before moving to Ft. Wayne from Auburn, we attended First Christian Church. Our congregation was small and so was the Sunday School class that I taught. Most days I only had two children. I hope that they will remember me, because I will remember them fondly.

They were wonderful, as all children are.

On a personal note I love to read (please do not throw unwanted books away I will gladly take them off of your hands) but my real passion is quilting. I love to design them and then put my ideas on paper with the hope of being able to get them made in the not too distant future. I am working on three at the present time. I hope someday to be able to design quilts for others. (but I have to get a lot better at it first)

I am looking forward to my new job here at First Christian and I hope that I will have the privilege of meeting you all soon.



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Interim Associate Minister: Rev. George Bruckman

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



I am pleased with the response to the course on "Religion in America." About 25 people are involved in this study which is being offered at three different times during the week. We have two more sessions which will be offered on the time schedule originally adopted, i.e. Sunday morning during church school, Sunday evening 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesday morning 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The plans for our Vision Meetings are complete but we need **your participation!** Our target is to have at least 100 members of First Christian share in this experience. We **want to hear from you** and invite you to share your concerns as well as your vision for the future. We have established times for each of the meetings in homes. Please take a couple of minutes to look over the schedule of meetings. Select a location and time which fits your schedule and give the host/hostesses a call and let them know you will be attending their meeting. When all of the meetings are completed I will compile a thorough report based on the information you, the members of First Christian Church have

provided. The report, along with program suggestions for the various departments, will be presented to the board and will be available for anyone who wishes to read it. **Please take time right now to call one of the host homes and let them know you will be present for their meeting.**

I always look forward to greeting you as we come together to celebrate our faith in worship. This Sunday I will be preaching on the theme "Living at the Edge of Wonder." One of the great losses we have experienced in our highly scientific age is the capacity to stand in awe. We take a "ho-hum , so what else is new?" attitude toward life rather than be open to the continuing surprises which God has in store for those who still have eyes with which to see and the wonderful capacity to marvel at God's wonderful works. Read Psalm 8 and Matthew 6:25-33 in preparation for worship. Christ has promised to be present when we gather for worship. Will you be here to meet him?

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

Joys & Concerns

Joan Franklin continues to recover at home. Remember her in your prayers and encouragement as she continues her therapy and healing.

Bev Hendricks is also home now ask Him for his continued strength and encouragement for her and her family.

Mark Snyder's sister Bernice Hawkin had surgery on January 27th at Home Hospital, Lafayette, IN. This is to correct a broken neck that failed to heal after a fall last October.



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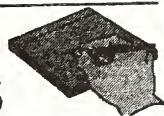
**ONE "TOMIGHOCHY" DOG
LAST SEEN IN CHURCH
SUNDAY MORNING,**

JANUARY 25th

**IF YOU FIND IT, PLEASE TURN
IT INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE**

Polly Quinn

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



THIS WEEK

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3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club

7:00-9:00 p.m. Vision Meeting at Evelyn Yeoman's

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:30 P.M. Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30-11:30 a.m. Religion in America

6:30-8:30 p.m. Vision Meeting at the Evans'

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

1:30-3:30 p.m. Vision Meeting in the Church Parlor - Eunice Conrad hosting

3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club

7:00-9:00 p.m. Vision Meeting at Bruckman's

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

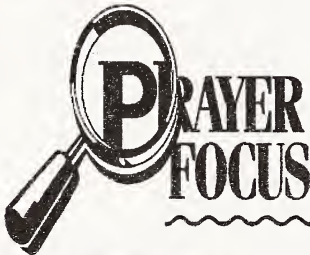
7:00-9:00 p.m. Vision Meeting at Moll's

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00-11:00 a.m. Meeting with Mentors

PRAYER SEMINAR

**SUNDAY
1:00-3:30 P.M.**



DID YOU KNOW ?

*Did you know.....*that 25 people attended Pastor Riggs' classes on Religion in America the first week? You could make it 30 or 40 participants for the next sessions.

*Did you know.....*that Friday, Jan. 30th is Dianne Dunn's last day here? Her new address is 245 Lincoln Dr., Celina, OH 45822.

(If you have any tidbits for "Did You Know" call the church office by Mondays at noon).

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Peanut Butter	Canned Vegetables
Dried Beans & Rice	Dried Noodles &
Canned Meats	Spaghetti
Canned Fruit	Dried Breakfast Food

VISION MEETING LOCATIONS

NORTHWEST

Evelyn Yeoman

Thursday, January 29 7:00-9:00p.m.
5613 Squiredale Ln. 489-2349

NORTHEAST

The Bruckmans

Thursday, February 5 7:00-9:00p.m.
3729 South Dr. 485-0168

The Molls

Friday, February 6 7:00-9:00p.m.
5005 Desoto Dr. 482-7519

SOUTHWEST

The Wise'

Wednesday, Feb. 11 7:00-9:00p.m.
14815 Sea Holly Ct. 625-5452

The Busheys

Wednesday, Feb. 11 7:00-9:00p.m.
6711 Blue Mist Rd 747-3770

The Mullens

Thursday, Feb. 12 7:00-9:00p.m.
4330 S. Harrison St. 745-9154

SOUTHEAST

The Evans

Wednesday, Feb. 4 6:30-8:30 p.m.
4524 Lafayette Esplanade 744-0037

Eunice Conrad

(meeting held at the church)

Thursday, February 5 1:30-3:30p.m.
phone 744-9519

The Breys

Monday, February 9 7:00-9:00p.m.
3005 Linden Dr. 447-3540

The Meys

Friday, February 13 7:00-9:00p.m.

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
Sunday School	55		
January 11	129	\$3,523.88	\$1,984.55
Year-to-date	264	\$7,047.76	\$6,257.72

What Do They Do?

1 Board of Diaconate

- A Church members shall be nominated to serve on the Board of Diaconate on the basis of their commitment to Christ and their ability and desire to serve the congregation in an enabling role
- B Persons to be elected Deacons shall be nominated by the Lay Leadership Committee in consultation with the chairperson of the Board of Diaconate and shall be elected by the congregation for a three year term. Deacons will serve one term followed by one year off before being elected to serve again. Deacons will be elected to one of three classes, with one class finishing a three year term at the conclusion of each church year.
- C Membership

- 1 The minimum number of Deacons serving on the Board of Deacons shall be determined by figuring a ratio of one Deacon for every twenty participating members of the congregation or major fraction thereof.
- 2 The maximum number of Deacons serving on the Board of Deacons shall be determined by figuring a ratio of one Deacon

for every twelve participating members of the congregation or major fraction thereof.

D Functions of Committee

- 1 The Diaconate shall prepare and serve communion for worship and home services.
- 2 The Diaconate shall assist in robing of baptismal candidates.
- 3 The Board of Diaconate, in consultation with the Senior Pastor, may administer a Junior Diaconate program for youth, grades 10-12.
- 4 The Board of Diaconate shall meet a minimum of two times annually in order to organize and facilitate functions.



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REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES:

The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

Covington Manor Nursing Center, 5700 Wilkie Dr. 46804

Lucille Branstrator

Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road 46819

Don & Valetta Parlette, Room 410

Lutheran Home, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Sarah Smith, Room C356

Mariner Health Care Center, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835

Bernice Montgomery, Room 301

Ossian Health Care, 215 Davis Road, Ossian, IN 46774

Dorothy Green, Room 301A

Riverbend, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

Renaissance Village, 650 S. 800 E-92 46804

*Kathlyn Banet, Room 218

*Raymond (Room 104) & Mildred (Room 118) Sarrazin

St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-B

Townhouse Health Center, 2209 St. Joe Center Road 46825

Lola Miller, Room 201

AT HOME:

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, 746 Candlelite Court 46807

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

Andy Cook, 11335 Gongwer Drive 46845

**SERVING FEBRUARY 1
ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. K. Ohneck & G. Bruckman

10:45 a.m. C. Hatten & B. Widmer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M. Bier, D. Keebortz, K. Moll

10:45 a.m. G. Baitz, J. Baitz,
D. Bohlen, J. Bohlen, S. Brickley,
G. Cole, L. McFarland, R. Wise

**COMMUNION PREPARATION
FEBRUARY 1 & 8**

M. Crouse, L. Whitworth, W. Whitworth

LAY READER

Marty Bier

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Larry & Sue Brey

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**January 29-February 13**

Courtney Proegler(29), Martha Warner(30), Kathy Cron(31), Bobbie Lindsay(2/1), Judy Mey(2/1), Eric Mory(4), Justin Rumpel(4), Ruth Yentes(4), Larry Brey(7), Anne Moll(7), Elinor Place(7), Nancy Smith(8), Ruth Truesdell(8), Sharon Ellis(9), Betty Harter(9), Susan Knuckles(9), Kenneth Place(10), Cearstin Comer(11), Marvin Crouse(11), Kent Gaskill(11), Cheri Tobias(11), Bill DeVinney(12), Chris McDougle(12), Charles McGrew(12), Kevin Tobias(13)



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FEBRUARY 4, 1998

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Some days in pastoral ministry are so filled with good things that they appear, in retrospect, as both a blur and also a tonic for the soul. Sunday was such a day at First Christian. Two worship services, two classes on American Religious Thought, a prayer seminar and two pastoral concerns created such a day yesterday. I have discovered across the years of ministry that there are no devices for measuring days like yesterday. A simple but useful method for me goes something like this:

If an aging body is somewhat fatigued after a 14-hour non-stop day but the spirit is still soaring it has probably been a good day!

I feel yesterday was not just a busy, but also a productive day for First Christian.

As the season of Lent approaches, we are working hard on our mentoring program. Seven of

our young people will be paired with seven adult mentors as they prepare for their confession of faith and baptism. Parents of the candidates will also be involved throughout the process. Pray for all who share in this important journey. Be an example of what it means to follow Jesus as Lord and thus become an unnamed but important "mentor" yourself.

I look forward to greeting you as we gather for worship this Sunday. I will be preaching on the theme "Sluggish Discipleship". Read Matthew 26:36-46 as you prepare for worship. Most of us are familiar with Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. We may not have spent much time reflecting on the sleeping disciples who accompanied him there.

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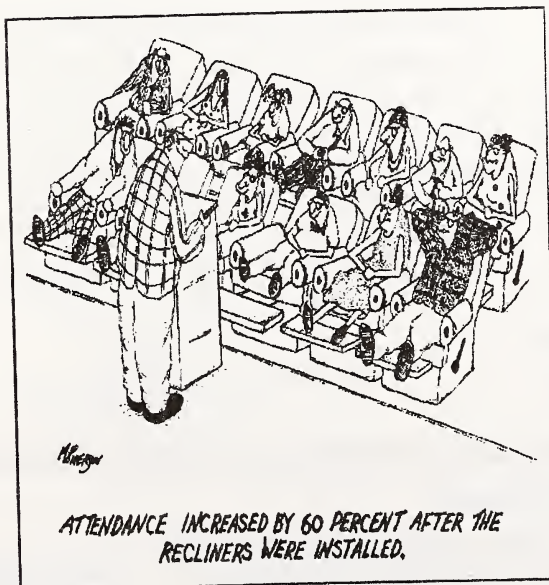
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED

The situation called for an alertness of mind and agility of spirit, but they went to sleep. In so doing they lost contact with their Lord, with one another and with the mission which Jesus had given them. Could that also be an assessment of the church today? Think about it as you prepare for worship.

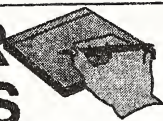
Sahlom,

Pastor Bill



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|------|-----------------|
| 7th | Larry Brey |
| | Anne Moll |
| | Elinor Place |
| 8th | Nancy Smith |
| | Ruth Truesdell |
| 9th | Sharon Ellis |
| | Betty Harter |
| | Susan Knuckles |
| 10th | Kenneth Place |
| 11th | Cearstin Comer |
| | Marvin Crouse |
| | Kent Gaskill |
| | Cheri Tobias |
| 12th | Bill DeVinney |
| | Chris McGrew |
| 13th | Kevin Tobias |
| 14th | Sara Glasgow |
| | Merle Grimm |
| | Robert Neal |
| | Erica Proegler |
| | Jeremy Watson |
| 15th | Charles Hatten |
| 16th | Karen Doehrman |
| | Lisa Grier |
| 18th | Jean Sheets |
| 19th | Don Crouse |
| | Sarah Whitworth |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 1:30-3:30pm in Parlor hosted by
Eunice Conrad
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7:00-9:00 p.m. Vision Meeting at
Bruckman's

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TUESDAY- FEBRUARY 10

- 9:00am Sewing Group
12:00pm DMA - PLEASE BRING HUMOROUS VALENTINE OR GIFT.
6:30pm Administrative Board
7:30pm Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Religion in America
7:00-9:00p.m. Vision Meeting at
Bushey's
7:00-9:00pm Vision Meeting at Wise's

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

- 3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club
7:00-9:00 p.m. Vision Meeting at
Mullen's

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 13

- 7-9 pm Vision Meeting at Mey's

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 VALENTINE'S DAY

- 10:00am Parenthetical Players

In Loving Memory we cherish memories of a life well lived and confident of an eternal triumph achieved, we nevertheless sorrow at the death of Beverly Ruth Hendricks. Loving wife of Bob, and devoted mother to Barbara, Julia, Carolyn, Nancy and Rick.

Beverlys death occurred on Saturday, January 31st and she was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn on Tuesday, February 3rd. We offer our sympathy and prayers to her family and friends.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Did you know.....that on Sunday, February 1 - 24 attended "Prayer Seminar"

Did you know.....that flowers are needed for the Sanctuary?

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10330 Tillman Rd. 493-3993

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
Sunday School	58		
January 25	172	\$ 3,523.88	\$ 2,511.63
Year-to-date	141	\$14,095.52	\$10,077.95

What Do They Do?

I FINANCE COMMITTEE

A The members of this committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Chairperson of the Elders, Chairperson of the Diaconate, Chairperson of the Stewardship Committee, Chairperson of the Outreach and Service Committee, Memorial Funds Treasurer, and two members of the congregation at large nominated by the Lay Leadership Committee.

B FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE

- 1 Consider budget requests and in consultation with the various committees of the church, recommend a budget to the Board of Trustees.
- 2 Supervise the total financial program of the church including budget building, budget control, handling and banking of money, bookkeeping, payment of obligations, audits, financial reports, and the safekeeping of financial records.

C The Finance committee shall meet as called by the Chairperson, or as requested by the Board of trustees, or upon request of two members of the committee



Cherishing memories of a life well lived and confident of an eternal triumph achieved, we nevertheless sorrow at the death of Mrs. Cora Harnish in Anderson, IN on Sunday, January 25. Mrs. Harnish has been a member of First Christian Church since 1946. There are no known living relatives.

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8:15 a.m. M. Crouse, M. Mullen,
Joan Ott, D. Schuricht

10:45 a.m. L. Deck, C. Deck,
E. Gorman, H. Mathis, E. Rieke, L.
Whitworth, W. Whitworth, Tim
Knuckles

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M. Crouse, L. Whitworth, W. Whitworth

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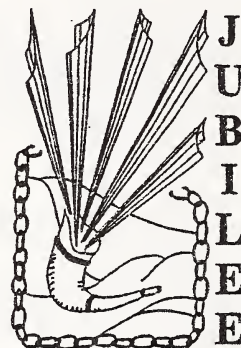
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FEBRUARY 11, 1998

Volume 55, No. 6

from the pastor's pen

An old saying, referred to as the "preacher's lament" frequently crosses my mind when the schedule becomes packed. It goes something like this:

"Thanksgiving has come;
Christmas has went;
Look our brothers and sisters,
Here comes Lent!"

This is terrible poetry and may imply a negative attitude about the weight of responsibilities which we all experience if we are in a leadership role in the church. I hope we can turn the attitude (if not the poetry) around. I am grateful for the disciplines offered to us as we observe the liturgical year in the church. The different "seasons" of the church year provide a focus on some aspect of the life and ministry of our Lord and provide a vehicle for journeying with him; form anticipating his coming (Advent) to celebrating his birth (Christmas) to the long period of walking with him on the way to the cross (Lent) and celebrating the joys of his resurrec-

tion (Easter) and the gift of the Spirit which empowers the church to do the work our Lord has given us to do (Pentecost).

In the very near future (February 25) we will begin the Lenten journey as we gather for worship on Ash Wednesday evening. I hope it will be a time of deep reflection, bible study and prayer as we make the journey to the cross. Please note the article elsewhere in this edition of the Tidings regarding our Lenten emphasis.

I will be taking a brief break between a heavy teaching schedule here at the church and beginning of our Lenten journey. I am delighted that Pat Mullen, one of "our own" will be preaching at both the 8:15 and 10:45 worship service. We appreciate the commitment which Pat (and husband Michael) have at First Christian.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

12th	Bill DeVinney	20th	Heather Chapin
	Chris McGrew		Richard Merrick
13th	Kelvin Tobias		Elizabeth Vanderwall
14th	Sara Glasgow	21st	Stephanie Collins
	Merle Grimm	23rd	Spencer Grimm
	Robert Neal		Susan Rousseau
	Erica Proegler	25th	Dan Church
	Jeremy Watson		Eunice Conrad
15th	Charles Hatten		Roger Moll
16th	Karen Doehrman	26th	Bill Chappell
	Lisa Grier		Chandra Duncan
18th	Jean Sheets		Andy Evans
19th	Don Crouse		Cathy Katt
	Sarah Whitworth	28th	Tim Riggs

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 8TH

FIRST SERVICE	44
SECOND SERVICE	105
YEAR-O-DATE	142

BUDGET NEEDSACTUAL GIVING

\$ 3,523.88
\$ 18,717.43

\$ 1,994.79
\$3,119.57

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

3:45-6:00 p.m. Adventure Club

7:00-9:00 p.m. Vision Meeting at
Bruckman's

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00-9:00pm Vision Meeting at Moll's

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINE'S DAY

10:00 a.m. Parenthetical Players

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Everyone!

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00-7:00 p.m. Religion in America

5:00-7:00 Youth Group

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 16

6:30 PM Christian ED meeting

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 17

9:30 am Rachel Circle at the home of
M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

6:00-7:30 pm Adventure Club Parents

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

3:45 - 600 pm Adventure Club

5:30 pm Carillon Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF COMPASSION

ONE OF OUR MAJOR EMPHASIS IS
THE WEEK OF COMPASSION OF-
FERING. THIS MONEY IS USED
THROUGHOUT OUR WORLD. THIS
INCLUDES ALL TYPES OF NATU-
RAL DISASTROUS SUCH AS;

HURRICANES; TORNADOES IN
HAYNES CITY, FL; MASSACRE IN
CHIAPAS, MEXICO; ICE STORM IN
CANADA AND THE NORTHWEST
US; EARTHQUAKE IN CHINA, TY-
PHOON IN THE MARSHALL IS-
LANDS, FLOODS IN KENYA AND
INDIA; HUNGER RELIEF IN KOREA;

A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR AB-
DUCTED CHURCH RELIEF WORK-
ERS IN CHECHNYA.

Your help is crucial!!!

This year we will collect our offering on
February 22

Pastor's Pen Continued

Pat is engaged in studies leading to her Master of Divinity degree at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and serves as student intern at Central Christian Church in Huntington.

Make a special effort to be present for worship as Pat shares her gifts of ministry with us!!

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

DID YOU KNOW

*Did you know.....*that on February 20 Bruckman's will celebrate their 54th anniversary Congradulations !!!!!

Did you know..... that the first Sunday services in 1846 had a congregation of 6. from various denominations. Shortly after that it jumped to 50.

(If you have any tidbits for "Did You Know" Please call the church office by Mondays at noon).

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

A Lenten Bible Study will be offered during the season of Lent on the Theme "The Way of the Cross." We will be using a resource book "Reflections on the Way." Our Lenten Bible Study will focus on studying the scriptures from a devotional posture, allowing the works to speak to us as we make our pilgrimage with Christ.

A companion devotional book "Discoveries on the Way" will provide daily devotional material during the Lenten Season. The sessions will be offered three times each week if sufficient interest is shown:

Sunday morning during Church School

Sunday Evenings 6:00 - 7:00

Wednesday Mornings

10:00-11:00 am

It is my hope and prayer that this time of reflective, devotional study of God's word will broaden our understanding of our Lord's love for us, enrich our life of discipleship as we make the journey with him and deepen our spiritual life as we pary for God's guidance on our continuing faith journey.

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WHO *Keynote Speaker:* Dr. Barclay M. Newman
Musician: David Haas

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LENTEN WORSHIP and STUDY

A variety of worship and study opportunities will be offered at FCC during the Lenten season. Please post this sheet as a reminder of the possibilities you have to grow in your faith and to deepen your commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord.

Worship Opportunities

I will be doing a Lenten sermon series on the theme "Journey to Jerusalem". The texts for the sermons will be from the gospel according to Luke, beginning with Luke 9:51-62 which notes that "when the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set face to go to Jerusalem." This was no everyday journey, but a pilgrimage lived out in the very shadows of the cross. We will reflect on some of the major teachings of our Lord as we make this journey with him to the cross and celebrate the victory of resurrection.

Wednesday, February 25 Ash Wednesday Services - 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 1 "Journey to Jerusalem: Purpose Luke 9:51-62

Sunday, March 8: "Journey to Jerusalem: Proclamation" Luke 10:1-12

Sunday, March 15 "Journey to Jerusalem: Priorities" Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, March 22 "Journey to Jerusalem: Prayer" Luke 11:1-13

Continued

Sunday, March 29 "Journey to Jerusalem: Childlikeness" Luke 18:15-17

Sunday, April 5 "Journey to Jerusalem: Decision" (Palm Sunday) Luke 19:28-40
Thursday, April 9 Maundy Thursday Candlelight Communion 7:00 pm

NOTE: Candidates in the Mentoring Program will make their confession of faith at this time.

Friday, April 10 Neighborhood Good Friday Worship (This service is still in the planning stage as this article is written. Watch for further details regarding the schedule and location.)

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12 "Journey to Jerusalem:



Peanut Butter
Dried Beans & Rice
Canned Meats
Canned Fruit

WE NEED YOUR HELP

THE EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST
IS COMING UP SOON AND WE
NEED CANDY FOR THE CANDY
HUNT.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP US
WITH THIS REQUEST, PLEASE
LEAVE YOUR CANDY IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE.

THANK YOU
CAREN WISE
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

JOYS and CONCERNS

REMEMBER SARAH SMITH - AT
LUTHERAN HOME ON S. ANTHONY
IN YOUR PRAYERS.

ALSO
ED ALLEN IS RECOVERING FROM A
HEART ATTACK HIS ADDRESS IS:
c/o SANDPIPER #205
5501 So. ATLANTIC BLVD
NEW SMYRNA BEACH FL
32169
TELEPHONE No. 904/427-2353

AND
THELMA SWIFT IS STILL AT THE ST.
JOE MEDICAL CENTER -

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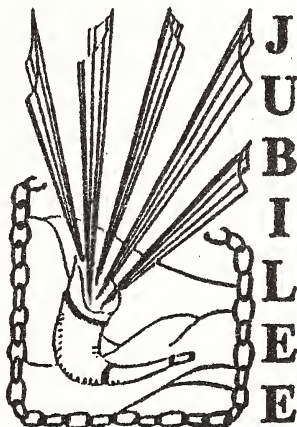
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8:15 a.m. A. Moll, J. Ohneck

10:45 a.m. J. Mey, J. Church

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D. Keebortz, K. Moll

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McDougle, O McDougle, K. Scott, L.

Stover, L. Vandergriff, E. Yeoman

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Volume 55, No. 7

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

ACROSS MANY YEARS OF MINISTRY I HAVE GROWN TO APPRECIATE THE THINGS WE DO IN CONCERT WITH OTHER CONGREGATIONS WHICH ADDS MEANING AND TEXTURE TO OUR LIFE AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD. AMONG THESE ARE THE VARIOUS "SEASONS" OF THE CHURCH YEAR, THE RICH VARIETY OF PROGRAMS WHICH DIFFERENT CONGREGATIONS DEVELOP IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY AND THE MINISTRIES WE UNDERTAKE WITH THE LARGER FAMILY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST). ONE OF THESE MINISTRIES IS ADDRESSED IN THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF THE WEEK OF COMPASSION.

THROUGH THE WEEK OF COMPASSION WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. AS DISCIPLES WE SHARE IN THIS OFFERING AS ONE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF GOD'S PEOPLE. WE ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER DENOMINATIONAL FAMILIES, IN THE VITAL MINISTRY OF CARING FOR PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES ARE RAVAGED BY NATURAL DISASTERS AS WELL AS CHRONIC CONDITIONS WHICH MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT.

WE WILL BE RECEIVING OUR WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. IF WE WATCH OR READ THE NEWS WE KNOW OF THE DEVASTATION BEING CAUSED ALL OVER THE WORLD BY THAT HORRIFIC WEATHER MONSTER KNOWN AS EL NINO.

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PASTOR's PEN CONTINUED

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I WILL BE PREACHING ON THE THEME "HEALING LEAVES IN AN ERODING WORLD" AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY. READ REVELATION 22:1-6 AND EZEKIEL 47:6-12 IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP. AS YOU READ THESE MOVING PASSAGES, CLOTHED IN SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE ASK: HOW DOES THE CHURCH BECOME A TREE WITH HEALING LEAVES, A LIFE-GIVING STREAM IN A STAGNANT AND ERODING WORLD?

I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING WITH YOU IN MOMENTS OF CELEBRATION AS WE WORSHIP OUR LORD AND ACCEPT THE MANDATE TO SHOW COMPASSIONATE AND HEALING LOVE TO OUR ERODING WORLD

SHALOM,

PASTOR BILL

♦ SPECIAL NOTE

We had a wonderful service on Sunday, February 15, with guest peaker Rev. Patricia Mullen. Followin Rev. Mullen's sermon at second service, Rosemary Krull came forward to again renew her commitment to God and Jesus.

We also received a note from Erin Brosey which we present as written... "I just wanted someone to know how wonderful it was for me to hear the wonderful words of Pat Mullen. I feel our church needs someone special as her.

- ♦ May God add his blessing to these two ladies and guide & direct Patricia's path as she finishes and graduates from C.T.S.

!!!! NOTICE !!!!!

STRINGS and STARS
THE YOUTH OF
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FROM 5:30 TO 7:30 PM

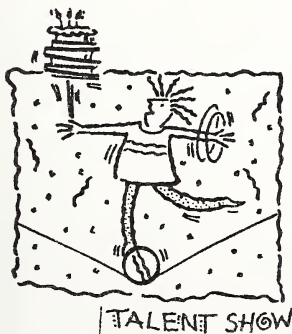
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THE COST PER PERSON IS \$5.00 WITH A
MAXIMUM OF \$15.00 PER FAMILY.

THE PROCEEDS OF THE TALENT SHOW
WILL BE USED FOR THE YOUTH WOR-
SHIP COMING UP SOON.

SO PLEASE JOIN IN ON THE FUN OF AN
EVENING OF TALENT TOPPED OFF BY A
SPAGHETTI DINNER !!!

PLEASE SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SHARING
YOUR SPECIAL TALENT WITH THE CON-
GREGATION.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.



D M A

"TOUCH of SPRING

WHEN: Tuesday March 10th
(Second Tuesday)

TIME: 11:45 A.M.

WHERE: Botanical Gardens

WHAT: Lunch Under Glass and a
tour of the gardens

COST: \$7.00 Per Person

Let's carpool from church parking lot.
Please get your reservations in ASAP to
Jean McGrew or Pat (Church Secretary)

We have space for 25 people...Thirteen
folks are already registered !!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

FEBRUARY

20

HEATHER CHAPIN
RICHARD MERRICK
ELIZABETH VANDERWALL

21

STEPHANIE COLLINS

23

SPENCER GRIMM
SUSAN ROUSSEAU

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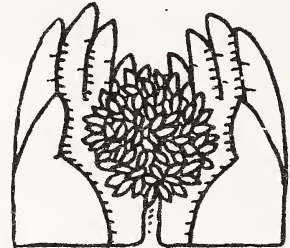
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ROGER MOLL

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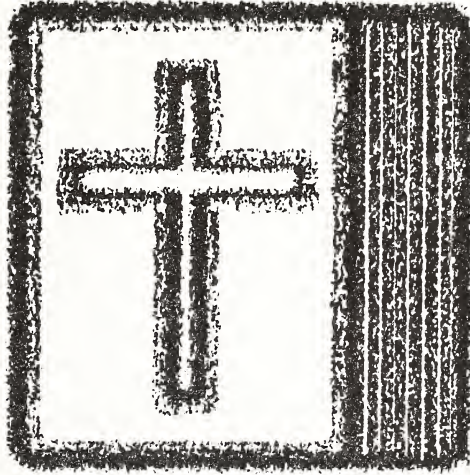


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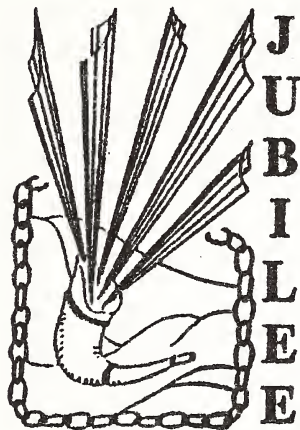
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10:00 AM MENTORS, CANDIDATES, PARENTS
MEETING
1:00 PM CHANCEL & CHAMBER REHEARSAL

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WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING
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TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 24

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WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 25

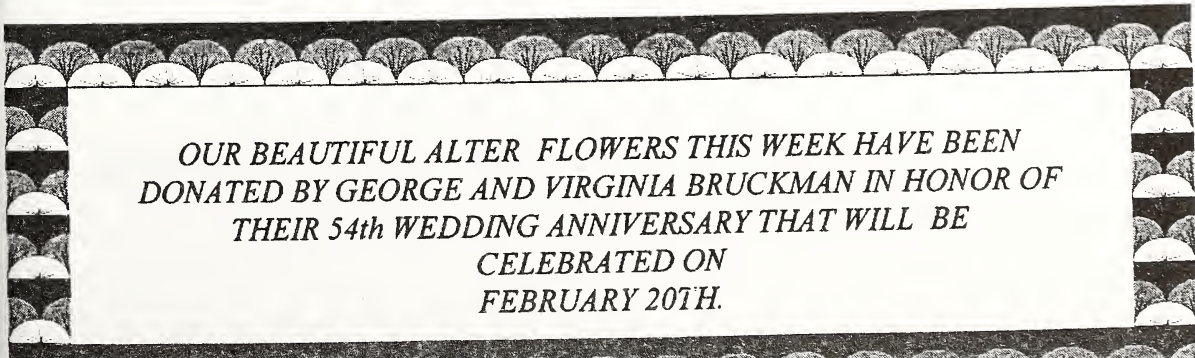
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
BEGINNING OF LENT
7:00 PM
SOUP AND SANDWICHES
AT 6:00 PM
COME AND JOIN US

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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Sunday morning during Church Service
Sunday evenings 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday mornings 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

It is my hope and prayer that this time of reflective, devotional study of God's word will broaden our understanding of our Lord's love for us, enrich our life of discipleship as we make the journey with him and deepen our spiritual life as we pray for God's guidance on our continuing faith journey.



OUR BEAUTIFUL ALTER FLOWERS THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN
DONATED BY GEORGE AND VIRGINIA BRUCKMAN IN HONOR OF
THEIR 54th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THAT WILL BE
CELEBRATED ON
FEBRUARY 20TH.

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Luke 18:15-17

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[Palm Sunday] Luke 19:28-40, 47,48

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Friday, April 10: Neighborhood Good Friday Worship

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Sunday, April 12: "Journey to Jerusalem: New Life!"

Easter Sunday Luke 24:1-12

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

We will mark the beginning of the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday's historical beginnings were as a service held for those who were seriously guilty of sin. Across the years it has been changed as a time of relection and preparation for the entire faith community, anticipating the glorious celebration of resurrection on Easter.

Ash Wednesday is an appropriate time to not only mark the beginning of our journey toward resurrection morn but to also reconsider our wholehearted relationship with God to which we are called as individuals and as a communitiy of faith. Our service of worship will be one in which each worshipper participates in symoblic acts of prayer and preparation for the season of Lent. It will introduce us to the worship theme for this season, "Journey To Jerusalem" and the bible study theme for the Lenten season "The Way of the Cross". Make plans now to share in this worship experience on Ash Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Bill



DID YOU KNOW ???

*DID YOU KNOW.....
THAT:*

THE COST OF THE
CURRENT GROUNDS
AND BUILDING FOR THE
NEW FCC
COST \$403,500.00
IN 1951.

THAT:

IN 1871 Rev. JOHN
AYLESWORTH RE-
PORTED THAT "THE
FIRST AUDIENCE NUM-
BERED 60, EVENING SER-
VICE NUMBERED 80."
THIS WAS ON THE COR-
NER OF BROADWAY AND
JEFFERSON AT ANDER-
SON HALL.

THAT
SANCURARY FLOWER
DONATIONS ARE
NEEDED.....ARE YOU
ABLE TO HELP WITH
THIS?????

SERVING FEBRUARY 22**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.**

E. Conrad, B. Bier

10:45 a.m.

J. McGrew, D. Heimann

DIACONATE & GREETERS**8:15 a.m.**

M. Crouse, M. Mullen, J. Ott, D. Shuricht

10:45 a.m.G. Baitz, J. Baitz, D. Bohlen, J. Bohlen,
S. Brickly, G. Cole, T. Knuckles,
L. McFarland, R. Wise**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

D. Schuricht, D. Bphlen, J. Bohlen

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.**

D. Mory

REMINDER's**ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICES****7:00 P.M.**~~~~~
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BREAKFAST****APRIL 4th.****PLEASE DO NOT  
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FEBRUARY 25, 1998

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## from the pastor's pen

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season we call Lent. Lent is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter (excluding Sunday's of the period.) As I began preparations for this important season leading up to the glorious celebration of the resurrection I came across some thoughts on Lent which I feel will enrich your pilgrimage to the cross and beyond. I share them here with the prayer that each member of First Christian will join in the pilgrimage to Jerusalem and find in this Lenten Season a time for deep reflection and renewed commitment to the One we call Savior and Lord.

"Of all the seasons of the Christian's pilgrimage, Lent has probably been most abused. It has in certain times and places become a period of excessive introspection, empty abstinence from tidbits of affluence, and the enjoyment of the gloom of self-denial. Correction of such excesses and distortions does not lie, however, in the non-observance of Lent, but rather in the

in the recovery of its rich tradition. The image of forty-days as a period of engagement with God, of repentance and prayer is deeply imbedded in Scripture. In times and places, Lent looks toward God's act in the resurrection. Sober awareness of sin is appropriate, to be sure, but so is profound joy."

Another resource suggests four distinct emphases for the Lenten Season. Please note these emphases and let them be your guide during the Lenten Season.

1. One of the ancient purposes of Lent is the preparation of candidates for baptism at Easter. For those already baptized, Lent is a time for remembering their baptism and renewing their baptismal vows.
2. Lent is also a time for the church to meditate upon the meaning of the cross in Christian faith and life

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Pastor's Pen Continued

4. Over the years the confession of sin has had a prominent place in Lent. Candidates for baptism confess their sins; and all Christians are driven to confession when we recognize that we, too, commit the sins that led to the crucifixion of Christ. We approach the cross with a deep awareness of the sacrifice it represents. We also come in confidence that God uses the cross of Christ, and the crosses which we daily take up, as instruments for the saving of the world.

Ponder these thoughts on Lent as we make our journey to Jerusalem. Use the opportunities of study, prayer, worship and service to others in Christ's name as vehicles for deepening your own commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord.

Shalom,  
Pastor Bill

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STEWARDSHIP

NEXT MONTH (MARCH) MANY OF YOU WILL HAVE FULFILLED YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR BUILDING FUND. THIS HAS BEEN A TERRIFIC AND SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. we HAVE SEEN THE ADDITION OF TWO REST ROOMS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, ONE REST ROOM IN THE NARTHEX OF THE SANCTUARY, PAINTING OF SANCTUARY, FELLOWSHIP HALL AND PARLOR; NEW PEW COVERING, NEW CARPETING AND NEW FURNITURE IN THE PARLOR.

THIS CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION HAS BROUGHT MANY OF US TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP AND PRAISE. WE STILL HAVE MANY PROPERTY ITEMS TO BE DONE AND/OR EQUIPMENT TO BE REPLACED.

WE ARE CONTEMPLATING THE RELOCATION OF THE NURSERY, WE ARE CURRENTLY REPAIRING STEAM LINES IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, (NECESSARY TO DO EVERY 20 YEARS) OR REPLACE OUR HEATING SYSTEM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, WE NEED TO REPLACE KITCHEN EQUIPMENT, etc.

OUR PURPOSE IN AIRING THIS SUBJECT IS TO ADVISE YOU THE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR GIVING TO THE BUILDING FUND SO THAT WE MAY FEEL CONFIDENT IN DOING SOME RENOVATIONS THAT WILL BE NECESSARY. (NOTE: A CAPITAL PROJECT COMMITTEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION IN THE SPRING OF 1998.)



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES  
BREAKING OPEN THE SCRIPTURES

**WHAT** A Conference to explore the use of the Bible in Worship, Education, Nurture and Outreach with children, youth and adults: and to introduce the new Contemporary English Version (CEV) of the Bible.

**WHEN** Tuesday, March 17, 1998 2:00 pm -9:30 pm  
Wednesday, March 18, 1998 8:00 am - 3:45 pm

**WHERE** University of Notre Dame Center for Continuing Education

**WHO** *Keynote Speaker:* Dr. Barclay M. Newman  
*Musician:* David Haas

**COST** \$20.00 for March 17th. REGISTRATION  
\$35.00 for March 18th DEADLINE  
\$50.00 if attending both February 28, 1998

**CONFERENCE SPONSOR:** The American Bible Society in cooperation with the Parish Resource Center

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EDU-CARE 98

**WHAT** Training for Congregational Leadership: Bible Study\* (Worship, Mission < Stewardship, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Ministry, Teacher Training, Spiritual Growth)

**WHEN** March 13 and 14, 1998

**WHERE** Lansing MI - First Christian Church and nearby Clubhouse Inn

**WHO** American Baptist Churches: Church of the Brethren: United Church of Christ: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**COST** \$120.00 TO ASSURE A ROOM AND LOWER FEE SCHEDULE  
YOU MUST REGISTER BY MARCH 1, 1998

## F.Y.I

"98 ELECTION YEAR

Please be advised that our church building will again be used by Allen County Election Board for "Primary" election on May 5, 1998 and "National" election on November 3, 1998. This occurs on the first Tuesday of the month and may effect daytime meetings.

## DID YOU KNOW ???????

*Did you know.....that* our very own Charles Hatten was honored at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne? Charles received the CROP Honor Roll Hall of Fame Award for his work in coordinating the CROP Walk for the greater Fort Wayne area. Congratulations and thanks for a job well done !!!

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"SINCE TODAY'S SERVICE IS BEING TAPED FOR COMMEMORATIVE PURPOSES, WE ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SINGING DURING THE HYMNS: ALICE ZUTMAN, ED FROMP, CAROL VIDMAR, ..."



## **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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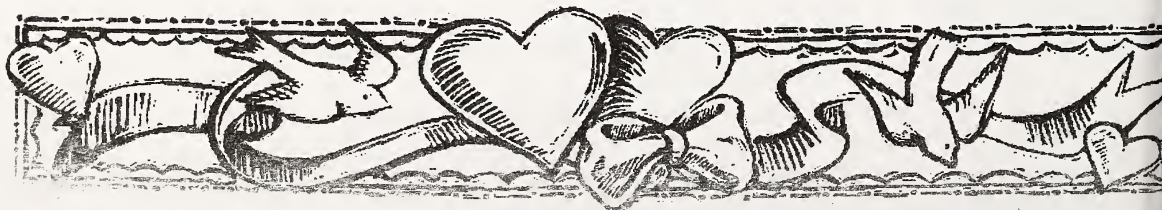
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Cathy Katt  
28th Tim Riggs



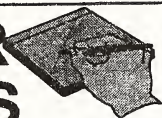
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1st Barbara Busse  
Becky Krull  
2nd Frank Moody  
4th James Davis  
6th Wayne Whitworth

7th Jane Fisher  
Simon Kolkman  
8th Jerry Warner  
9th Adam Bowser  
Charles Suder  
10th Lisa Bond  
John Kelly  
12th Jean Chappell  
Kevin Mory



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## THIS WEEK

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

3:45-6:00 PM Adventure Club

5:30 PM Carillon Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

10:00 a.m. Parenthetical Players

1:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

#### *FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT*

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

Chancel Choir sings

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Everyone!

10.45 a.m. Second Worship Service

Chancel Choir Sings

5:00-7:00 Youth Group

### TUESDAY- MARCH 3

7:00 PM Elders Meeting

## REMINDER's

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR  
WEEK OF COMPASSION  
OFFERING BOXES BACK ON  
SUNDAY- MARCH 1 !!!!!

YOUTH GROUP WILL BE  
MEETING FROM  
6:00 to 7:30 PM  
ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS

MARCH 1 st

MARCH 8 th

MARCH 15 th

~~MARCH 22 nd~~

OBJECTIVE:

TO PLAN

"STRINGS and STARS"

SCHEDULED FOR

~~APRIL 19, 1998~~

March 22, 1998

CALENDAR UPDATE's

PLEASE CALL CHURCH  
OFFICE  
BEFORE NOON ON  
MONDAY MARCH 2  
WITH ANY ADDITIONS OR  
CHANGES FOR THE MARCH  
ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26th

10:00 AM

Convention Center - Indianapolis

"Jubilee, A Time for New Beginning's" is the theme for the 1998 Regional Assembly of the Christian church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana. The Regional Assembly will be held in Indianapolis April 24-26. A special effort is being put forth to have at least 3,000 disciples present for worship on Sunday morning April 26.

The worship service will be held in the Indiana Convention Center. The Indianapolis Brass Choir will play pre-service music in the convention Center lobby as well as share in the worship service.

Dr. Tex Sample, Rogers Professor of church and society at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO (your interim's all time favorite professor) will be preaching on the theme "Practices of Transformation" at the 10:00 AM worship service.

Plans are being made for at least a busload of Disciples from the fort Wayne churches to share in this rare worship experience.

Current plans call for the bus to leave from the parking lot of North Christian church at 7:00 AM. Each person will be on their own for lunch. The bus will leave Indianapolis at 3:00 PM for the return trip to fort Wayne, thus allowing some free time for people to visit circle Center Mall or other downtown Indianapolis attractions.

If you are interested in attending this service and riding the bus, please call the church office or sign your name on the reservation sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office. We will need an accurate count as early as possible in order to complete arrangements for transportation. The cost for the trip will be approximately \$9.00 per person.



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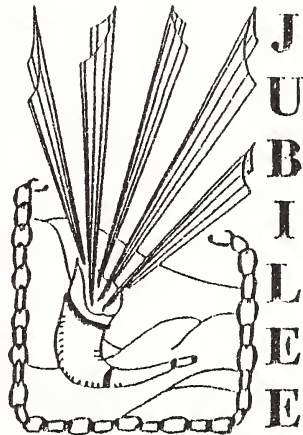
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**CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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IN INDIANA**

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**1998 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**



**"Body Building for a New Life"**

**APRIL 24 & 25  
Geist Christian Church**

**APRIL 26  
ALL-REGION WORSHIP  
Indiana Convention Center**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

THE DATE FOR THE EASTER  
BUNNY BREAKFAST HAS BEEN  
SET.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
APRIL 4th.

BE SURE AND WATCH YOUR FU-  
TURE "TIDINGS" PUBLICATIONS  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS

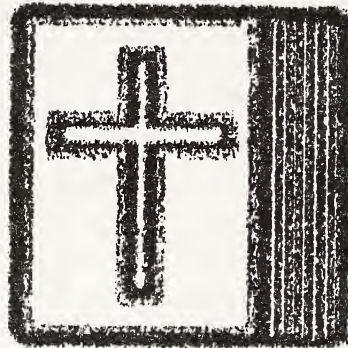
ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
HELP US WITH CANDY IF YOU  
CAN.

THANK YOU  
CAREN WISE  
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

### HOSPITAL NOTIFICATION

The Lutheran Hospital has informed us that beginning March 1, 1998, as a part of the hospital admission process the patient will need to give permission before the hospital will notify their church or clergy. The alternate to this procedure is to have you or someone from your family to notify us independently of the hospital.

# LENTEN



# BIBLE STUDY

### !!! PLEASE NOTE !!!

If your address or zip code changes, please advise the church office as soon as possible. Each time a "Tidings" is returned because the address or zip code is incorrect, the cost to the church is at least \$ .46.

The Post Office also suggested that we call every person to verify their zip code before each mailing.

PLEASE save your church the money and hassle by letting us know as soon as you make any changes.

Thank You.

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### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12 "Journey to Jerusalem:

Peanut Butter  
Dried Beans  
Canned Meats  
Canned Fruit



Dry Breakfast Food  
Dry Pasta Products  
Dry Rice Products



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**SERVING FEBRUARY 8****ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. J. Hayes, H. Ohneck

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, B. Widmer

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M. Bier,

D. Keebortz, K. Moll

10:45 a.m. S. Brey, L. Brey,

L. Deck, C. Deck, E. Gorman,

H. Mathis, E. Rieke, L. Whitworth, W.

Whitworth

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# *Tidings*

**MARCH 4, 1998**

**Volume 55, No. 9**

## **from the pastor's pen**

I am pleased with the beginnings of our Lenten Season at First Christian. We had a good attendance for the Ash Wednesday "Soup and Sandwich" supper and evening worship. Our thanks to the Fellowship Committee for arranging for the evening meal.

Sunday marked the first Sunday in Lent. Approximately 25 people were present for the two devotional bible studies on the theme: "The Way of the Cross." The course is being offered during the Sunday School hour and at 5:00 PM on Sundays and 10:00 AM on Wednesdays during the Lenten Season.

I will be preaching on the theme "Journey to Jerusalem Proclamation" this

Sunday. We will continue to mark the significant teachings of Jesus as he made his journey to Jerusalem and the cross. I encourage worshippers to read Luke 10:1-12 in preparation for worship this Sunday. This exciting text deals with Jesus sending out 70 workers to proclaim "the kingdom of God has come near!". I will be suggesting in the sermon that this proclamation is still the essential mission of the church. The proclamation of the kingdom announces adjustment on what has been, offers a promise of what shall be and issues a challenge to what can be, here and now in the moments in which we live.

I suggested in the Ash Wednesday worship that Lent for some is a time to "give up" something meaningful in their lives.

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## PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED

Another approach to Lent is to "take up" a new responsibility to our Lord and seek to be more faithful in the exercise of our discipleship. Is it too much to ask that each member who is physically able to do so should be present for the worship of God each Sunday during Lent? As our Lord "set his face steadfastly toward Jerusalem" so may we make a commitment of our time, our energies and our God-given gifts and journey with him from our comfortable "Galilee's" to our "Jerusalem's" which call for sacrifice and service.

Shalom,

Pastor Bill



!!! NOTICE !!!

WEDNESDAY  
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY  
*CHILD CARE*

*CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED ON  
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS DURING  
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES.  
PLEASE CALL CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU  
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## PLEASE WON'T YOU HELP ???

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## MARCH

15th Stephen Ludwig

16th George Bruckman

17th Max Finkhousen

18th Brian Busse  
Gordon Howell

19th Diane Dunn  
Amy Vachon  
Vince Wells

20th Pauline Auer  
Ruby Mowery

21st Brenda Kelly

*DID YOU KNOW ???*

*THAT ED AND SUE ALLEN  
HAVE RETURNED FROM  
FLORIDA  
AND  
ED IS FEELING FINE*

### ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 1, 1998

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| FIRST SERVICE  | 62  |
| SECOND SERVICE | 107 |
| YEAR-O-DATE    | 142 |

### BUDGET NEEDS

|              |
|--------------|
| \$ 3,523.88  |
| \$ 22,241.31 |

### ACTUAL GIVING

|              |
|--------------|
| \$ 3,601.37  |
| \$ 27,426.25 |



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

ALL  
IMPORTANT  
ACTIVITIES  
ARE  
LISTED  
ON  
THE NEW  
MARCH  
CALENDAR  
INCLUDED  
IN  
THIS  
ISSUE  
OF  
"TIDINGS"

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**JOYS and CONCERNS**

PLEASE KEEP CHARLES "BUD" LUDWIG  
IN YOUR PRAYERS AS HE TRAVELS TO  
MAYO CLINIC , THIS SATURDAY, FOR A  
BATTERY OF TESTS.

**!!!WHOOOPS!!!****REMINDER**  
**CORRECTION**

YOUTH GROUP WILL BE  
MEETING FROM  
6:00 to 7:30 PM  
ON THE FOLLOWING  
SUNDAYS  
MARCH 1 st  
MARCH 8 th  
MARCH 15 th

OBJECTIVE:  
TO PLAN  
"STRINGS and STARS"  
SCHEDULED FOR  
MARCH 22, 1998

*Faithful disciples  
take up their cross  
and follow Jesus.*



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# WE NEED YOUR HELP

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THE DATE FOR THE  
EASTER BUNNY BREAK-  
FAST HAS BEEN SET.

MARK YOUR CALEN-  
DARS FOR APRIL 4th.

BE SURE AND WATCH  
YOUR FUTURE "TIDINGS"  
PUBLICATIONS  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS

ALSO PLEASE REMEM-  
BER TO HELP US WITH  
CANDY IF YOU CAN.

*Thank You*

## HOSPITAL NOTIFICATION

The Lutheran Hospital has informed us that beginning March 1, 1998, as a part of the hospital admission processs the patient will need to give permission before the hospital will notify their church or clergy. The alternate to this procedure is to have you or someone from your family to notify us independently

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Dry Pasta Products  
Dry Rice Products



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**SERVING MARCH 8  
ELDERS**

**8:15 a.m.** K. Ohneck  
K. Cron

**10:45 a.m.** J. McGrew  
J. Church

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

**8:15 a.m.** M. Crouse, M. Mullen  
J. Ott, D. Schuricht

**10:45 a.m.** C. Falbe,  
L. Heimann,  
M. McDougale,  
O. McDougale,  
K. Scott,  
L. Stover,  
L. Vandergriff,  
E. Yoeman

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**MARCH 11, 1998**

**Volume 55, No. 10**

## **from the pastor's pen**

AS I WRITE THIS COLUMN (MONDAY, MARCH 9th) I AM AWARE FROM THE MORNING WEATHER REPORT THAT THINGS DO NOT ALWAYS GO AS WE HUMANS PLAN. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED A VERY MILD AND PLEASANT FEBRUARY AND EARLY MARCH. WE HAVE WELCOMED THE LENTEN SEASON AND THE "LENGTHENING OF THE DAYS." NOW WE ARE TOLD TO EXPECT A SIGNIFICANT SNOW FALL, BLUSTERY WINDS AND A TEMPERATURE OF 5 DEGREES ON WEDNESDAY EVENING!

I TRUST THAT OUR FAITH AND OUR COMMITMENT TO WALK WITH OUR LORD ON THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM IS NOT BASED ON THE WEATHER. THE JOURNEY WAS NOT SMOOTH FOR JESUS AND IT WILL NOT BE SO FOR ANY WHO CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIM. IN THE END, IT DEPENDS ON

WHAT WE CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT...

A MATTER OF PRIORITIES.

I WILL BE FOCUSING ON THIS THEME ON THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. PLEASE READ THE ACCOUNT OF JESUS' VISIT TO THE HOME OF MARY AND MARTHA (LUKE 10:28-42) AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.

WHAT CHOICES WERE BEFORE MARTHA AND MARY? HOW DO WE ARRIVE AT A SENSE OF PRIORITY WHEN THE CHOICE IS NOT BETWEEN THE BAD AND THE GOOD, BUT BETWEEN THE GOOD AND THE BEST? WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR INDIVIDUAL LIVES? I LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU IN WORSHIP AS WE CONTINUE OUR "JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM"

Shalom,  
Pastor Bill

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**744-3239**

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES FOOD BANK SYSTEM.....  
LOAVES & FISHES COLLECTION

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ARE COLLECTING CANNED FISH AND BOXES OF CRACKERS FOR  
THE LENTEN SEASON . THEIR GOAL IS TO COLLECT

3,000 POUNDS OF CANNED FISH

BY EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE CANS OF TUNA, MACKEREL AND  
SALMON.

WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP IN THE EFFORT TO FEED THE HUNGRY OF ALLEN COUNTY.  
YOUR DONATIONS MY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FCC OFFICE.

Thank you.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.....

COME OUT TO HEAR OUR VERY OWN BRIAN AND MARGARET PRECHTL PERFORM IN  
CONCERT THIS SUNDAY ON THE "MUSIC AT CANTERBURY" SERIES AT CANTERBURY  
HIGH SCHOOL. THE CONCERT WILL BE AT 6:00 PM IN SUMMERS AUDITORIUM. BRIAN  
WILL PERFORM A SOLO, PLUS HE MARGARET AND THE PERCUSSION SECTION OF THE FT  
WAYNE PHILHARMONIC ,THE CANTERBURY CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE CANTERBURY  
JAZZ BAND. WILL PERFORM. IT PROMISES TO BE AN EXCITING EVENT.

CONTACT BRIAN OR MARGARET REGARDING TICKETS.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

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!!! NOTICE !!!

WEDNESDAY  
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY  
CHILD CARE

*CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS DURING  
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES. PLEASE CALL CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU  
REQUIRE CHILD CARE.*





## **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

### **IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES:**

**The Arbors**, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

**Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center**, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

**Covington Manor Nursing Center**, 5700 Wilkie Dr. 46804

**Kingston Residence**, 7515 Winchester Road 46819

Don & Valetta Parlette, Room 410

**Lutheran Home**, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Sarah Smith, Room C356

**Mariner Health Care Center**, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835

Bernice Montgomery, Room 301

**Ossian Health Care**, 215 Davis Road, Ossian, IN 46774

Dorothy Green, Room 301A

**Riverbend**, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

**Renaissance Village**, 650 S. 800 E-92 46804

\*Kathlyn Banet, Room 218

**St. Anne's Nursing Home**, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressue Ehresman, Room 324-B

**Townhouse Health Center**, 2209 St. Joe Center Road 46825

Lola Miller, Room 201

### **AT HOME:**

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, 746 Candlelite Court 46807

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

Andy Cook, 11335 Gongwer Drive 46845

Lucille Branstrator, 9721 Coverdale Rd 46809

## CONCERNS.....

ED ALLEN IS AT LUTHERAN  
HOSPITAL IN ICU ROOM 255.

BUD LUDWIG'S TESTS BEGAN ON  
MONDAY MARCH 9th. AT MAYO  
CLINIC.

PLEASE KEEP ED, BUD AND  
THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR  
PRAYERS.

PLEASE WON'T YOU HELP  
???

Over the past several  
weeks, clean-up of the  
Sanctuary has become a  
problem.

We ask that everyone does  
their part in keeping our  
place of worship clean.  
Thank you to everyone for  
handling this problem.

## and JOYS

ESTEL, LORI AND PAIGE VANDER-  
GRIFF ARE EXPECTING A LITTLE  
ONE ON OCTOBER 10th.  
PAIGE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BE-  
ING A BIG SISTER.  
CONGRATULATIONS !!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lenten Bible Study on the theme,  
"The Way of the Cross" began on  
Sunday, March 1 and will continue thru  
Easter, April 12

The sessions for this course will last  
approximately one hour and will be of-  
fered at three different times each week.

Hopefully, this variety of times will  
make it possible for participants to share  
in this time of meditative Bible study  
and prayer. the course will be offered on  
the following schedule,

Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM

Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM

Text books as well as a book of daily de-  
votional materials for the Lenten season  
will be provided to all who participate in  
this special Lenten emphasis.



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MARCH

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16th George Bruckman

17th Max Finkhousen

18th Brian Busse  
Gordon Howell19th Diane Dunn  
Amy Vachon  
Vince Wells20th Pauline Auer  
Ruby Mowery

21st Brenda Kelly

22nd Lou Simmons

23rd Emily Dunn

24th John Glasgow

25th Freda Flaugh  
Christie Glasgow  
Rosemary KrullCONGRATULATIONS  
EVERYONE  
!!!!!!

## ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 8, 1998

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| FIRST SERVICE  | 38  |
| SECOND SERVICE | 95  |
| YEAR-O-DATE    | 141 |

BUDGET NEEDS

|              |
|--------------|
| \$ 3,523.88  |
| \$ 25,765.19 |

ACTUAL GIVING

|              |
|--------------|
| \$ 3,308.69  |
| \$ 30,734.94 |

**146th Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana**  
**April 24-26, 1998**

Check one of the following: ☐ Clergy voting (Ordained and licensed clergy with standing in the Indiana Region.)  
☐ Congregational Voting Representative  
☐ Regional Board Voting  
☐ Non-Voting

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street city zipcode

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will need wheelchair accessibility ☐ I will need signing for the hearing impaired

**Pre-Assembly Leadership Training Event: Friday, April 24th, 1:30 p.m.**

☐ Register me for the Pre-Assembly Leadership Training Event with Fred Craddock \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ☐ leader - \$30; ☐ student - \$10

**Assembly: Friday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, April 26th, 12:00 noon**

☐ Register me for the Assembly (Tex Sample Forum, Hands on Mission Projects, Bible Study with Fred Craddock, Saturday Night Live Program) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ☐ adult - \$25 ☐ student / youth \$10

☐ Saturday sandwich lunch (by pre-registration only \$5.00 ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Supporter (I cannot attend but want to help) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total fees enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Worship Services:** *Registration is encouraged but not required*

Friday Night 7:30 p.m. Geist Christian Church - Fred Craddock Preaching

Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. Indiana Convention Center - Tex Sample Preaching

**Mission Projects:** Sign-up sheets will be available at the Assembly. Work clothes and tools may be needed for specific projects. Listing of projects available at Regional Office.

**Child Care:**

☐ I am attaching child care registration forms.

Registration forms for **child care** (infants through 3rd grade) and information on housing may be obtained from your pastor or the Christian Church in Indiana.

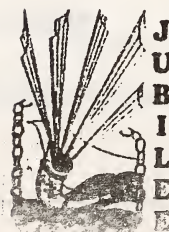
*Please use one form per person; form may be duplicated*

**Pre-registration due by Friday, April 3**

(Registrations after April 3 please add \$5.00)

Send to:

Christian Church in Indiana  
1100 W. 42nd St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46208





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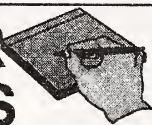
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## THURSDAY - MARCH 12

3:45 - 6:PM ADVENTURE CLUB

## FRIDAY - MARCH 13

BIBLE STUDY - LANSING MI FCC

## SATURDAY - MARCH 14

11AM (NEW TIME)

PARENTHETICAL PLAYERS

BIBLE STUDY LANSING MI FCC

1:00 PM CHANCEL/CHAMBER REH.

## SUNDAY MARCH 15

8:15 AM FIRST SERVICE

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY  
WEEK 3

10:45 AM SECOND SERVICE

5:00 PM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

6:00 - 7:30 PM YOUTH GROUP

## MONDAY - MARCH 16

6:30 PM CHRISTIAN ED MTG.

## TUESDAY - MARCH 17

ST PATRICK'S DAY

NOTE: 9:30 RACHEL CIRCLE  
MEETING IN CHURCH LIBRARY

## WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18

10:00 AM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY  
BREAKING OPEN SCRIPTURES

NOTRE DAME CENTER

5:30 PM CARILLON REHEARSAL

## THURSDAY MARCH 19

3:45 PM - 6PM ADVENTURE CLUB

# PRESENTING .... STRINGS & STARS

## SPAGHETTI DINNER and TALENT SHOW

MARCH 22, 1998

5:30 - 7:30 PM

COST

\$5.00 PER PERSON

(\$15.00 MAXIMUM FOR FAM-  
ILY)

## RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MARCH 20th.

SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL OR  
CALL CHURCH OFFICE.

WE ALSO NEED YOUR TALENTS  
FOR THE SHOW.

PLEASE CALL CHURCH  
OFFICE OR SIGN UP  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TO TAKE  
PART IN OUR  
TALENT SHOW.

# !!HIPPIITY HOPPITY EASTER'S' ON ITS WAY!!!

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. THE EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND WE WANT YOU TO COME AND JOIN THE FUN.

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4th WE WILL START SERVING DELICIOUS PANCAKES AT 9:00 AM. (THE COST IS \$2.00 PER PERSON) FOLLOWING THIS WONDERFUL BREAKFAST WE WILL HAVE AN EASTER EGG HUNT FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM THE AGES OF 1 YEAR THRU 5th GRADE.

OUR VERY OWN MARVIN CROUSE WILL BE PERFORMING "MAGIC I S FUN" WHICH WILL BE FUN FOR EVERYONE ATTENDING.

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING THIS ANNUAL EVENT A SUCCESS.

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8:15 a.m. E. CONRAD  
B. BIER

10:45 a.m.  
C. HATTEN  
D. HEIMANN

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

8:15 a.m. J. ARNOLD  
M. BIER  
D. KEEBORTZ  
K. MOLL

10:45 a.m. G. BAITZ J. BAITZ  
D. BOHLEN J. BOHLEN  
S. BRICKLEY G. COLE  
T. KNUCKLES  
L. McFARLAND  
R. WISE

**COMMUNION PREPERATION**

M. BIER, G. BAITZ, J. BAITZ

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# *Cidings*

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## **from the pastor's pen**

The next few weeks are going to be very busy at First Christian church. the search committee will resume its work in earnest following an interlude devoted to some consultative work with Dr. Brynholf Lyon and the series of "Vision Meetings" which sought input from the congregation on their view of a vision for first Christian church. two very important pieces of work will be accomplished over the next two weeks.

This Sunday, March 22, we will take some time at both worship services for the congregation to complete a Role Expectation form. There are many facets to ministry in the church (pastor, teacher, administrator, counselor, preacher, youth worker, worship leader, evangelist, community leader, etc.). Hopefully pastors possess enough gifts to be helpful in these many areas, but no single pastor is going to possess all of the gifts of ministry in equal proportion. Members of the congregation will be asked to respond to a series of statements which will help the

Search Committee identify the areas of strengths which the congregation feels are needed in ministry at this juncture of life at First Christian. The second event is scheduled for Sunday, March 29. We will have our final "Vision Meeting" immediately after the second worship service. We will be served a soup and sandwich lunch and then spend some time identifying the strengths of first Christian, assessing our needs and sharing our vision of the church for the next 3 to 5 years. If you did NOT participate in one of the earlier vision meetings, this is your opportunity to have some input into the work of our church. We have had a total of 65 people share in the previous meetings. We would like to have 85-100 responses. A detailed report will be compiled and presented to the board and hopefully, to the entire congregation at a later date.

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Pastor's Pen Continued

Both of these opportunities are good for the membership, helpful to the Search committee and a tremendous resource for a new pastor beginning a ministry with a new congregation. As we affirm our strengths and list the things we feel good about, we do so with a prayer that a new pastor will continue to lead in these areas. As we assess our needs and list our concerns, we begin to identify the areas of special strength (gifts of ministry) which we hope the new pastor will possess. As we share our vision for the future, we do so in anticipation that a new pastor will join us in the vision and help us bring the vision to reality. *Your voice is important! Let it be heard in this very important time in the life of First Christian!*

I look forward to greeting you as we gather for worship and continue our journey to Jerusalem. I will be speaking on prayer this Sunday. Read Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer recorded in Luke 11:1-13 in preparation for worship.

Shalom,  
Pastor Bill

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♥ THANK YOU TO LEO HEINMANN FOR INSTALLING A NEW DROPPED CEILING IN THE KITCHEN. (IT HIDES ALL OF THOSE OLD OVERHEAD PIPES) LOOKS GREAT !!!
- PAINTING OF THE STAIRWAY IN FELLOWSHIP HAS BEEN COMPLETED AFTER REPAIRING WALL.
- DMA IS HAVING OUR EASTER CARRY-IN ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7th. BRING A DISH AND A DECORATED PRETTY EGG TO TRADE. WE HAVE EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO WEST CREIGHTON CC TO JOIN US. THEY KNOW IT IS A CARRY-IN AND TO BRING AN EGG.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SPEAKER FROM ALLEN COUNTY COURT HOUSE PRESERVATION TRUST WITH A SLIDE PRESENTATION SHOWING WHAT HAS BEEN AND IS BEING DONE RESTORE OUR BEAUTIFUL COURTHOUSE. HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE 7th.



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**The Arbors**, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

**Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center**, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

**Covington Manor Nursing Center**, 5700 Wilkie Dr. 46804

**Kingston Residence**, 7515 Winchester Road 46819

Don & Valetta Parlette, Room 410

**Lutheran Home**, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Sarah Smith, Room C356

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Bernice Montgomery, Room 301

**Ossian Health Care**, 215 Davis Road, Ossian, IN 46774

Dorothy Green, Room 301A

**Riverbend**, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

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Kathlyn Banet, Room 218

**St. Anne's Nursing Home**, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-B

**Townhouse Health Center**, 2209 St. Joe Center Road 46825

Lola Miller, Room 201

**AT HOME:**

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, 746 Candlelite Court 46807

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

Andy Cook, 11335 Gongwer Drive 46845

Lucille Branstrator, 9721 Coverdale Rd 46809



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO :

## MARCH

|                                              |                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 19th DIANE DUNN<br>AMY VACHON<br>VINCE WELLS | 23rd EMILY DUNN                                          |
| 20th PAULINE AUER<br>RUABY MOWERY            | 24th JOHN GLASGOW                                        |
| 21st BRENDA KELLY                            | 25th FRED A FLAUGH<br>CHRISTIE GLASGOW<br>ROSEMARY KRULL |
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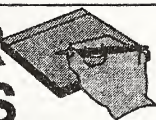
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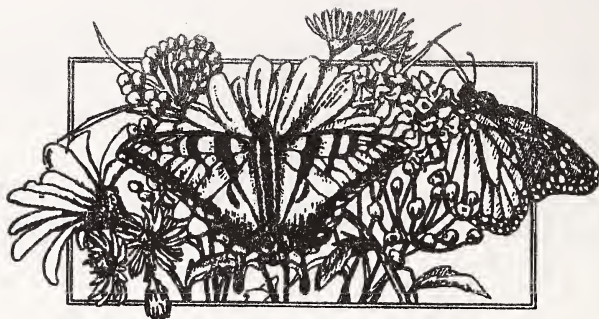
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J. Ott, D. Schurich

**10:45 a.m.** S. Brey, L. Brey, L. Deck.

C. Deck, E. Gorman,

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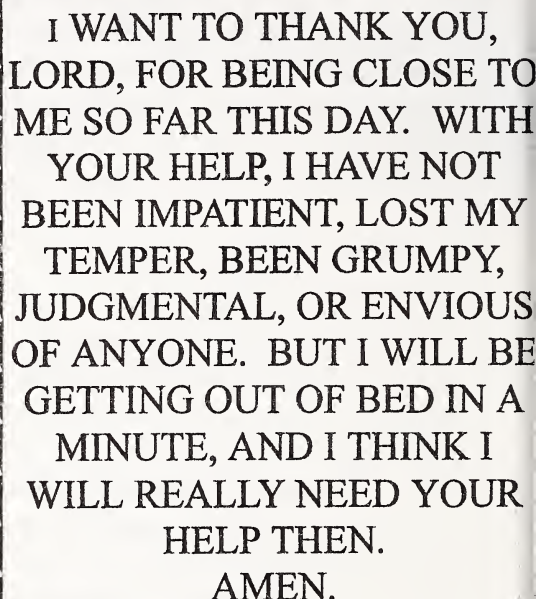
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M. Bier



I WANT TO THANK YOU,  
LORD, FOR BEING CLOSE TO  
ME SO FAR THIS DAY. WITH  
YOUR HELP, I HAVE NOT  
BEEN IMPATIENT, LOST MY  
TEMPER, BEEN GRUMPY,  
JUDGMENTAL, OR ENVIOUS  
OF ANYONE. BUT I WILL BE  
GETTING OUT OF BED IN A  
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WILL REALLY NEED YOUR  
HELP THEN.  
AMEN.

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# Cidings

**MARCH 25, 1998**

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## **from the pastor's pen**

The month of March is turning out to be an exciting and rewarding time in the life of First Christian Church. In addition to the added Lenten activities, we have been engaged in surveys regarding our expectations in regard to Pastoral leadership and in additional Vision Meetings. The final Vision Meeting will be held this Sunday following the second worship service. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall. We will then proceed with the Vision Meeting.

Although the surveys and Vision Meetings are happening in the same time span the purpose for each is quite distinct. The role expectation survey helps the Search committee determine the special strengths of ministry which the membership feels is needed at this time in the life of First Christian. The Vision Meetings provide information about the strengths, needs and aspirations of this congregation. This information is vital to the congregation's sense of direction but

also a valuable piece of information to share with prospective pastors. If you have not previously participated in a Vision Meeting, I hope you will be present for this last opportunity on Sunday, March 29.

We will confine our Lenten worship focus "Journey to Jerusalem" as we gather for worship this Sunday. I will be preaching on the theme "Childlikeness". Please read Luke 18:15-17 in preparation for worship. I look forward to greeting you as we continue our pilgrimage through this very special season of penitence and prayer and anticipate the joyous celebration of resurrection day!

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

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## **The world is a better place because...**

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- ... Michelangelo didn't say, "I don't do ceilings."
- ... A German monk named Luther didn't say, "I don't do doors."
- ... An Oxford don named John Wesley didn't say, "I don't do fields."
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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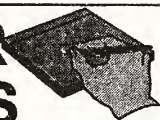
The Chapel is open and available for prayer when the church office is open \*8:30 am to 4:30 pm and also when other activities necessitate the church being unlocked. Pastor Bill has talked about something to "take up" during Lent and longer periods of prayer or praying in the chapel could add a new dimension to your time with the Lord.

There will be a card file of the members with names and addresses and a separate card file for visitors. Some of the cards (very few) have pictures of the members on them that were taken from the last pictorial directory.

If you would like to have your picture attached to your card, please submit a photo no larger than 2"x 3" with your name on the back. Please drop it off at the church office. Do not expect it to be returned to you. It would be great if every card had a photograph on it by the time of our prayer vigil before Easter.



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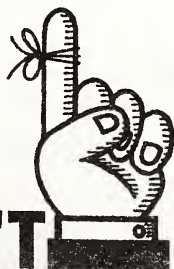
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The Associated Churches foundation crossed the \$500,000 threshold in 1997 and our goal is to develop it to have \$1,000,000 in assets by the year 2010.

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BE SURE AND WATCH FUTURE ISSUES OF  
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THE OLD RESTROOMS LOCATED AT EACH END OF THE STAGE  
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DMA EASTER CARRY-IN

TUESDAY - APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>

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9. The Reaching Out in Love  
ministry continues to match  
black and white Christians and  
help them to dialogue concern  
racism. The church continues  
to lead the way in breaking down  
the barriers of racial hostility.
10. Associated Churches stand  
together against violence and  
for justice. The Peace and Justice  
Commission prayed over and re-  
claimed the land for God at the  
36 murder sites in Allen  
county in 1997.  
The commission has worked  
diligently to overcome the  
"isms" that divide us as God's  
people.

A CHILD IS NOT LIKELY TO  
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LESS HE FINDS SOMETHING  
OF GOD IN HIS FATHER

# happy birthday to:

## MARCH

26th Holly Mathis

27th Edwin Hall

28th Lelia Arnos  
James Buchanan  
Linda Hendrickson

29th Pat Booher  
Andy Brosey  
Jeff Bushey  
Violet Manes  
Sylvia Smith

30th Chris Murray  
31st Ryan Jenkins

## APRIL

1st Adam Falbe  
Gladys Harshbarger  
Paul Yentes

2nd Leo Heimann  
Marlo Quick  
Jordan Wise

3rd Sylvia Engle

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**SERVING MARCH 29****ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** K. Cron, S. Hayes**10:45 a.m.** J. McGrew, B. Franklin**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Arnold, M. Bier,

D. Keebortz, K. Moll

**10:45 a.m.** C. Falbe, L. Heimann

M. McDougale, O. McDougale, K. Scott,

L. Stover, L. Vandergriff,

E. Yeoman

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

M. Mullen, R. Wise, E. Yeoman

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

C. Hatten, M. Crouse, D. Heimann,

D. Schuricht, J. Ohneck, E. Rieke,

A. Moll, L. Heimann

**LAY READER**

S. Knuckles



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# *Cidings*

APRIL 1, 1998

VOLUME 55, NO. 13

## **from the pastor's pen**

During this Lenten Season we have focused on the theme of a journey to Jerusalem. Our worship has centered around this theme and our Lenten Bible study has directed our thoughts to what it means to follow in the way of the cross.

This Sunday we begin the most intense period of the Lenten season, a time we have come to know as Holy Week. It begins with the pageantry of Palm Sunday, but quickly turns to a recalling of the passion (suffering) of our Lord. We share in the Lord's Supper with his disciples as we gather on Maundy Thursday. We gather around the cross of Good Friday and recall his suffering and his forgiving love. We offer up our prayers of thanksgiving for God's love as seen in Jesus Christ our Lord, repent of our sins and offer up prayers of petition for brothers and sisters in this place and throughout the world as we share in the "Sweet Hour of Prayer" from Good

Friday afternoon through the dawn of Easter Day.

I hope you will share in ALL of these powerful moments of worship and reflection as we move through Holy Week. The joy experienced at the empty tomb is multiplied many times over if we have also been "at table" with our Lord and stood beneath the cross of suffering.

I look forward to greeting you in worship on Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week.

I will be preaching on the theme "Journey to Jerusalem: Decision" as we gather to worship.

Please read Luke 19:28-40, 47, 48 as you prepare for worship.

CONTINUED ON Pg 2

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**744-3259**

*from the pastor's pen continued:*

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Sunday April 5 - Palm Sunday

8:15 am Morning Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Lenten Bible Study

10:45 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday April 8

10:00 am Lenten Bible Study

(Last of Wednesday Studies)

Thursday April 9

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship and Communion

Candidates in the Mentoring Program will make their confession of faith.

Friday April 10

Good Friday

Community good Friday Worship will be held at Grace St. John UCC Church at 1:00 pm.

Our church is one of the participants in this special Good Friday Worship

Sunday April 12

Easter Celebration

8:15 am Morning Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Lenten Bible Study

10:45 am Morning Worship

*The service of Christian Baptism will be during the 10:45 am service.*

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They said to each other,  
*"Were not our hearts burning within us  
 while he was talking to us on the road,  
 while he was opening the scriptures to us?"*

Luke 24:32



# Nurturing FAITH

## 1998 EASTER OFFERING

### for Basic Mission Finance

**W**hen you give in this joyous Easter season to your church's *Easter Special Day Offering*, your gift supports the ministry of 36 regions, 11 general ministry units, and 22 Disciples-related higher education institutions.

Your Easter gift to Basic Mission Finance helps nurture faith nearby and around the world by ministries including:

- ▼ Your Region's camp and conference program and other educational efforts
- ▼ The work of more than 200 missionaries in 85 countries around the world
- ▼ Congregational services such as Christian education, youth and young adult ministries, Christian Women's Fellowship, Disciples Men, and social action
- ▼ The Disciples of Christ Historical Society, preserving and teaching our heritage

Give as you are blessed—  
 give generously!

*Thank you*

for being a partner  
 in nurturing faith and other important  
 Disciples outreach ministries.



**Many Doorsteps**

*One Mission*

Basic Mission Finance

## JOYS and CONCERNS.....

CHARLES AND ARDITH WRISK  
CELEBRATED THEIR 74th WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY THIS PAST WEEKEND.  
FCC REMEMBERED THEM WITH FLOW-  
ERS AND CARDS.

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PLEASE REMEMBER VIRGINIA
OBERKISER, (SUE BRICKLEY'S MOTHER)
IN YOUR PRAYERS.
VIRGINIA RESIDES AT GEORGETOWN
RETIREMENT CENTER.

~~~~~

JERRY ZEHR HAD EYE SURGERY TO RE-  
PAIR TORN RETINA. HE IS DOING WELL  
AND WAS AT THE PULPIT ON SUNDAY  
MARCH 29th.

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hassle by letting us know as soon as you  
make any changes.

Thank You.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lenten Bible Study on the theme,  
"The Way of the Cross" began on  
Sunday, March 1 and will continue thru  
Easter Sunday, April 12. The sessions  
for this course will last approximately  
one hour and will be offered at three dif-  
ferent times each week. Hopefully, this  
variety of times will make it possible for  
participants to share in this time of medi-  
tative Bible study and prayer. the course  
will be offered on the following  
schedule:

Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM

Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM

Text books as well as a book of daily de-  
votional materials for the Lenten season  
will be provided to all who participate in  
this special Lenten emphasis.

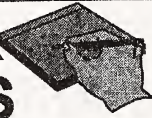
## NOTE!!

If child care is required for the Wednes-  
day morning Lenten Bible Study please  
contact the church office.

**DON'T FORGET ...****DMA EASTER CARRY-IN****TUESDAY - APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>****EVERYONE TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND A PRETTY  
DECORATED EGG TO TRADE.****GUEST SPEAKER WILL PRESENT SLIDES AND INFORMATION  
ON RENOVATION OF ALLEN COUNTY COURT HOUSE.****HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE 7<sup>th</sup>.****ATTENTION:****YOUTH GROUP****WE WILL MEET TO FINALIZE OUR PLANS FOR  
YOUTH SUNDAY AND HAVE SOME FUN ON THE  
FOLLOWING DAYS:****SUNDAY, APRIL 5 6-7:30 PM****SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - 3:00 PM****SATURDAY, APRIL 18 - 3:00 PM****SUNDAY, APRIL 19****YOUTH SUNDAY****WE WILL BE OUTDOORS SOME OF THIS TIME, SO WEAR  
COMFORTABLE CLOTHES !!****SEE YA THERE !!**



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**THIS WEEK**  
**THURSDAY - APRIL 2**  
NO ADVENTURE CLUB TODAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**  
9:00 AM EASTER BUNNY  
BREAKFAST/EGG HUNT  
10:00 AM Parenthetical Players  
1:00 PM Chancel & Chamber Rehearsal

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**  
8:15 AM First Worship Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School for Everyone!  
9:30 AM Lenten Bible Study  
Week 6  
10:45 AM Second Worship Service  
5:00 PM Lenten Bible Study  
Week 6  
6-7:30 PM Youth Group

**TUESDAY - APRIL 7**  
9: AM Sewing Group  
12:00 Noon DMA  
7:00 PM Elders Meeting

**WEDNESDAY - APRIL 8**  
10:00 AM Lenten Bible Study  
Week 6  
5:30 PM Carillon Rehearsal

**Continued**

## PHOTOGRAPH'S FOR PRAYER

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The "Sweet Hour of Prayer" vigil will begin at 3:00 PM on Good Friday and and at 6am on Easter morning

**THURSDAY - APRIL 9**  
NO Adventure Club Today

NOTE: *Adventure Club returns to regualr schedule April 16th.*

# W W J D

LORD, THROUGHOUT THIS DAY,  
AS I TRY TO FOLLOW YOU,  
LET THIS BE MY RULE TO LIVE BY:  
*WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?*

WHEN A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE  
ASKS ME FOR A MOMENT OR TWO,  
MAY I THINK OF ONE THING ONLY:  
*WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?*

IN ALL MY DEALINGS, HELP ME  
TO BE HONEST, FAIR AND TURE  
TO MEASURE EACH DECISION BY:  
*WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?*

WHEN I'M FEELING TROUBLED  
AND I TURN IN PRAYER TO YOUR,  
GIVE ME WISDOM TO DECIDE:  
*WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?*

THEN WHEN THE DAY IS ENDED,  
MAY I RESOLVE ANEW  
TO GUIDE TOMORROW BY THE MOTTO:  
*WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?*

# 146th Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana

April 24-26, 1998

- Check one of the following: ☐ Clergy voting (Ordained and licensed clergy with standing in the Indiana Region.)  
☐ Congregational Voting Representative  
☐ Regional Board Voting  
☐ Non-Voting

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street city zip code

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I will need wheelchair accessibility ☐ I will need signing for the hearing impaired

**Pre-Assembly Leadership Training Event: Friday, April 24th, 1:30 p.m.**

- ☐ Register me for the Pre-Assembly Leadership Training Event with Fred Craddock \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ☐ leader - \$30; ☐ student - \$10

**Assembly: Friday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, April 26th, 12:00 noon**

- ☐ Register me for the Assembly (Tex Sample Forum, Hands on Mission Projects, Bible Study with Fred Craddock, Saturday Night Live Program) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ☐ adult - \$25 ☐ student / youth \$10

- ☐ Saturday sandwich lunch (by pre-registration only \$5.00 ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Supporter (I cannot attend but want to help) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total fees enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Worship Services:** *Registration is encouraged but not required*

Friday Night 7:30 p.m. Geist Christian Church - Fred Craddock Preaching

Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. Indiana Convention Center - Tex Sample Preaching

**Mission Projects:** Sign-up sheets will be available at the Assembly. Work clothes and tools may be needed for specific projects. Listing of projects available at Regional Office.

**Child Care:**

- ☐ I am attaching child care registration forms.

Registration forms for **child care** (infants through 3rd grade) and **information on housing** may be obtained from your pastor or the Christian Church in Indiana.

*Please use one form per person; form may be duplicated*

**Pre-registration due by Friday, April 3**

(Registrations after April 3 please add \$5.00)

Send to:

Christian Church in Indiana  
1100 W. 42nd St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46208







## HYMNAL UPDATE

OUR NEW HYMNALS HAVE BEEN ORDERED,  
AND WILL BE DELIVERED ON OR BEFORE  
APRIL 8th. JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER.

A TOTAL OF 126 HYMNALS HAVE BEEN  
SPOKEN FOR.

IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A PART OF OUR HYMNAL  
PROJECT, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DONATION TO  
THE CHURCH OFFICE.

(EACH HYMNAL IS \$15.00)

*THANK YOU.*

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES FOOD BANK SYSTEM.....  
LOAVES and FISHES COLLECTION

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ARE COLLECTING CANNED FISH AND BOXERS OF CRACKERS  
FOR THE LENTEN SEASON. THEIR GOAL IS TO COLLECT

3,000 POUND OF CANNED FISH  
BY EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE CANS OF TUNA, MACKEREL  
AND SALMON

WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP IN THIS EFFORT TO FEED THE HUNGRY OF  
ALLEN COUNTY. YOUR DONATIONS MY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FCC  
OFFICE.

Thank you.

# happy birthday to:

## APRIL

4th Arrionna Roush  
Wes Westerfield

5th Anna Shirley

6th Rick Evans  
Reba Fusselman  
Scott Keebortz  
Genevieve Ripple

9th Linda Cobb  
Donald Kampenga

10th Betty Grimm-  
Charles Ludwig

11th Tammy Deck

MANY  
HAPPY  
RETURNS  
TO YOU ALL

### ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 29, 1998

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| SUNDAY SCHOOL   | 44  |
| WORSHIP SERVICE | 135 |
| YEAR-O-DATE     | 142 |

### BUDGET NEEDS

|              |
|--------------|
| \$ 3,523.88  |
| \$ 45,810.44 |

### ACTUAL GIVING

|              |
|--------------|
| \$ 4,138.17  |
| \$ 37,000.33 |

!!! IT'S HERE !!!

IT'S TIME

THIS SATURDAY

APRIL 4

9 AM

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

MAGIC SHOW

and EGG HUNT

DON'T MISS IT

FUN FOR EVERYONE

## !!! APPRECIATION !!!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PEOPLE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE FINAL VISION MEETING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29th. THE ATTENDANCE FOR OUR FINAL VISION MEETING WAS VERY GOOD, WITH A TOTAL OF 15 .

A DELICIOUS LUNCHEON WAS PREPARED AND SERVED TO APPROXIMATELY 30 PEOPLE PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO K. CRON, C. WISE, L. McFARLEND, AND A. MOLL FOR PREPARING AND SERVING LUNCH.

THANK YOU



"I want to thank every one for their calls, cards, food and eating with me, and all concerns. I missed all of you.

See you soon !!

I thank God for friends.

Your Friend,

Jesse Fern Woodward "

## V.B.S.

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**10:45 a.m.**

D. Heimann, J. Church

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D. Schuricht**10:45 a.m.**G. Baitz, J. Baitz, D. Bohlen, J. Bohlen  
S. Brickley, G. Cole, T. Knuckles  
R. Wise**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

M. Mullen, R. Wise, E. Yeoman

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# Cidings

APRIL 8, 1998

VOLUME 55, NO. 14

## from the pastor's pen

Our Lenten pilgrimage has let us through many valleys of sobering thought and to the mountaintops of exhilarating experiences. On Easter we reach the very pinnacle of worship and praise as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus our Lord and continue our journey through life with him as our constant companion and guide.

Easter is much more than another of the celebrative "days" in the Christian year. It is the very bedrock of our faith and the sustaining power of our daily witness to Christ as the living Lord. A commentary on the lectionary readings for the season puts it this way:

*Easter is not one day but a season. It is silence: what does one say when running away from an empty tomb? It is a*

*shout; "He is risen!" It is a question "Where do we go from here?" When Easter morning fades into late afternoon and some disciples say, "I am going fishing," the church prays and waits for Pentecost.*

I am joyfully anticipating the celebration of resurrection faith as we gather for worship on Easter. As our your people in the mentoring program are baptized we will each have an awareness of our own baptismal vows. As we celebrate the communion of the Lord's Supper, using one of the great hymns of communion in the new Challice Hymnal, we will affirm the continuing presence of the living Christ with us in bread and wine.

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*from the pastor's pen continued:*

As we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving we will declare the joy expressed in the words of the ancient Easter hymn written by John of Damascus in the 8th century:

"Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth its song begin!  
The world resound in triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen  
our joy that has not end."

Shalom,  
Pastor Bill



### HYMNAL UPDATE

THE NEW HYMNALS HAVE ARRIVED.  
THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL.  
WE WILL BE USING THEM FOR WORSHIP  
SERVICES ON EASTER SUNDAY.  
BRING YOUR JOYOUS SINGING VOICE  
AND REJOICE.



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7:00 PM

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Chancel Choir Sings

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7:00 PM Elders Meeting

### WEDNESDAY - APRIL 15

5:30 PM Carillon Rehearsal

### THURSDAY - APRIL 16

Adventure Club is back...  
3:45PM to 6:00 PM

## OUTREACH

GLOBAL OUTREACH IS A MAJOR DIMENSION OF DISCIPLE MISSION TO SERVE FROM OUR DOORSTEP THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

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## JOYS and CONCERNS.....

Joy...Joy...Joy...

Jessie Fern Woodward returned to church services on Sunday, April 5 and to help in the church office on Monday, April 6th.

Jessie

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Bill Crouse suffered a stroke last week and is recovering at Lutheran.

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Ruth Plummer had By-Pass surgery on Monday, April 6th, with a second surgery in the PM to repair a small tear and she is doing well.

~~~~~

Virginia Oberkiser gets her test results back this week (Sue Brickley's mother)

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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO
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EGG-CITING
TIME FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED
THE EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST.

CLOSE TO 100 CHILDREN AND
ADULTS WERE SERVED DELI-
CIOUS PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE.

WE WERE THEN ENTERTAINED
AND AMAZED BY
MARVIN CROUSE'S MAGIC. THE
MORNING ENDED WITH THE CHIL-
DREN HAPPILY HUNTING CANDY
FILLED EGGS AND VISITING WITH
THE EASTER BUNNY.

THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED
OF THEMSELVES TO HELP US
MAKE FUN MEMORIES FOR OUR
CHILDREN.

THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM

**ATTENTION:
YOUTH GROUP**

**WE WILL MEET TO FINALIZE OUR PLANS FOR YOUTH SUNDAY AND
HAVE SOME FUN ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 - 3:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

YOUTH SUNDAY

**WE WILL BE OUTDOORS SOME OF THIS TIME, SO WEAR
COMFORTABLE CLOTHES !!**

SEE YA THERE !!

**SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SPECIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD
ON MAY 10th FEATURING
FAITH UNITED CHOIR
and FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHOIRS.
PLEASE WATCH FUTURE "TIDINGS" FOR DETAILS.**

SPECIAL UP-COMING MEETINGS
APRIL 20th - 6:30 PM - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
APRIL 27th - 7:00 PM - VBS COMMITTEE MEETING

SAVE THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION--MAKE COPIES FOR YOUR WOMEN!

When and Where to go for SpringVIEW - 1998

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| Sunday, March 29
2:00-6:45 p.m.
812/944-1736 | Central Christian Church
1315 E. Spring St.
New Albany 47150 | From I-65, take Sellersburg exit. Turn right onto Charleston Rd. Go to Vincennes St.(stoplight). Turn left; go all the way to Spring; turn right, go to 1315 Spring. |
| Saturday, April 18
9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
812/275/4497 | First Christian Church
1101 15th St.
Bedford 47421 | (Map on back of this page.) |
| Saturday, April 18
9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
317/784-4431 | Southport Christian Ch.
201 E. Epler Ave.
Indianapolis 46227 | (Map on back of this page) |
| Saturday, May 2
9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
219/291-1156 | South Side Christian Ch.
1329 E. Jackson Rd.
South Bend 46614 | Located on the south side of city, south of US Rte. 20, a few blocks east Business Rte. 31, several blocks west of Ironwood. Big white sign out front of red brick church w/name & chalice
Parking behind building. More info |
| Saturday, May 2
9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
765/457-4491
Fax 765/457-4492 | First Christian Church
854 N. Malfalfa 300 W.
Kokomo 46901 | Church in on Rt. 22 (Sycamore at 300 W (Malfalfa Rd.). From south, use Rt. 31 or Rt. 29 to Rt. 22 |

REMEMBER TO BRING: a tote bag, "mad money" or check for books, Guatemalan Crafts, & ICWF Quadrennial items (candles, shirts, tapes, cd's; free-will offering for Woman to Woman worldwide; and **TURN IN BLESSING BOX** offering to your CWF so the total can be given during SpringVIEW worship.**

****If using checks for purchases/offering, they will be made to:**

1) *Christian Board of Publication (CBP) for books, study materials, CWF organizational supplies.* 2) *Christian Church in Indiana (CCI) for Guatemalan crafts;* 3) *ICWF Quadrennial Assembly for shirts, music tapes/c.d.'s/candles, etc.;* 4) *Christian Church in Indiana (CCI) for free-will offering for Woman to Woman Worldwide;* 5) *Church Finance Council for the total Blessing Box offering from your CWF.*

REGISTRATION FORM

for

SpringVIEW for Indiana Women - 1998

(Send your form to the church address where you plan to attend,

BY THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT)

COST: \$7.00 per person (includes lunch, program materials, etc.)

Child care provided at each location....bring a sack lunch for your child/children.

PAY WHEN YOU ARRIVE - - - DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH THIS FORM.

BRING:

Tote bag (to carry all the "good stuff" from the day)

"Mad money" or check for books, Guatemalan crafts, Quadrennial items, etc.

TURN IN:

Blessing Box offering to your CWF prior to event; offering will be dedicated. Free will offering will be received for Woman to Woman Worldwide.



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

street

city

zip

Congregation _____ Area _____

I will need child care for _____ children.

____ Sunday, March 29

Central Christian Church
1315 E. Spring St.
New Albany 47150

2:00-6:45 p.m.
812/944-1736

____ Saturday, April 18

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1329 E. Jackson Rd.
South Bend 46614

9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
219/291-1156

____ Saturday, May 2

First Christian Church
854 N. Malfalfa 300 W.
Kokomo 46901

9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
765/457-4491

COPY FORM AS NEEDED

EASTER FLOWERS

OUR SANTURARY WILL BE BEAUTIFULLY ATTIRED ON EASTER MORNING IN MEMORY AND IN
HONOROF THE FOLLOWING:

IN MEMORYOF RUTH LEWIS -
GIVEN BY JOHN and DARCI MATHIS

~

IN HONOR OF JEAN McGREW
GIVEN BY HER GRANDCHILDREN

~

IN MEMORY OF ROLLAND RIPPLE
GIVEN BY WANDA INGMIRE and GENEVIEVE RIPPLE

~

IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN BERNHARD
GIVEN BY WANDA INGMIRE and GENEVI EVE RUPPLE

~

IN MEMORY OF OPAL CARPER
GIVEN BY TOM & LAURA YORK and FAMILY

~

IN APPRECIATION OF PASTOR BILL RIGGS
GIVEN BY DICK and JUDY MEY

~

IN HONOR OF ERIC McFARLAND BAPTISM
GIVEN BY MIKE and LAURA McFARLAND

~

IN HONOR OF GRANDMA CAROLYN McFARLAND
GIVEN BY ERIC & SHELBY McFARLAND

~

IN MEMORY OF WIFE PAULINE SNYDER
GIVEN BY MARK SNYDER

~

IN MEMORN OF BEVERLY HENDRICKS
GIVEN BY MARK and JULIA ARNOLD

~

IN APPRECIATION OF PASTOR BILL RIGGS
GIVEN BY GEORGE and VIRGINIA BRUCKMAN

~

IN MEMORY OF SON NICK KEIRN
GIVEN BY RALPH and JUDY CHURCH

~

IN MEMORY OF JOAN FRANKLINS MOTHER and FATHER
GIVEN BY BILL and JOAN FRANKLIN

~

IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHERS
GIVEN BY CHARLES and JEAN McGREW

~

EVELYN YEOMAN - MARY WILHEM - ED and SUE ALLEN

NEW CHALICE HYMNALS

A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU GOES TO THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS, FOR TAKING PART IN OUR NEW HYMNAL PROJECT.

MARK and ROSEMARY KRULL
ORIE and MARILYN McDOUGLE
PASTOR BILL RIGGS
GEORGE and VIRGINIA BRUCKMAN
JOHN and KRIS OHNECK
DICK and JUDY MEY
ROGER and ANN MOLL
PROGRESSIVE CLASS
BOB SMITH
DICK and DIANE MORY
BOB HENDRICKS and FAMILY
KEN and ELINOR PLACE
WILBUR and DORIS SNOOK
CHARLES and THERESA HATTEN
LARRY and SUE BREY
SUE BRICKLEY
VINCE WELLS
CHARLES and MARY SUE LUDWIG
BILL and JOAN FRANKLIN
GLENN and WILMA MILLER
EVE GORMAN
BRIAN and MARGARET PRECHTL
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EVELYN YEOMAN
MARY WILHEM
BILL and VIRGINIA JOHNSON
ROSEMARY KRULL
JEAN McGREW
MARK SNYDER
REBA FUSSELMAN
MARK and JULIA ARNOLD

happy birthday to:

APRIL

9th Linda Cobb
Donald Kampenga

10th Betty Grimm
Charles Ludwid

11th Tammy Deck

12th Becky Glasgow
Adam Hayes

13th Jocelyn Quick

14th Margaret Prechtl

15th Linda Deck
Christopher Jackson
Ruth Yost

16th Diane Freimuth-
Dawn Holmes
Heather Holmes
John Weyer

MANY
HAPPY
RETURNS
TO YOU ALL

ATTENDANCE FOR April 5, 1998

SUNDAY SCHOOL	67
WORSHIP SERVICE	171
YEAR-O-DATE	144

BUDGET NEEDS

\$ 3,523.88
\$ 49,334.32

ACTUAL GIVING

\$ 7,011.05
\$ 44,011.38

WHAT IS A CHURCH?

- A fellowship against loneliness.
- A hospital for healing souls.
- A school instructing those who would learn of God.
- An encouragement to walkers in the Way of Christ
- A practice field for patience and compassion.
- A classroom of truth.
- A laboratory of life.
- An internship for minister-members.
- A hospitable door.
- A herald of Good News, joyful news, hopeful news, helpful news.
- A time-out corner.
- A resting place.
- A bath for washing guilt away.
- A reflecting pool.
- A kneeling bench.
- A cafeteria -
- come in and take what you need.
- A garden where God comes looking for us.
- A rescue mission where God fines us.
- May it be so with us.

!!!!!! NOTICE !!!!!

COME EARLY - COME HUNGRY
ON EASTER SUNDAY !!!

We will be having a breakfast
in Fellowship Hall
between services on Easter.

Come and share in Fellowship
and
fun.

V.B.S.

!!! DATES HAVE BEEN SET !!!
!!! PLANS ARE BEING MADE !!!
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
AND BRING A CHILD TO
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE
9, 10, 11 and 12
1998

6:30 PM - 8:45 PM

WATCH FUTURE
"TIDINGS"
FOR MORE INFORMATION

**SERVING
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12**

ELDERS

8:15 a.m.

A. Moll, B. Bier

10:45 a.m.

B. Widmer, C. Hatten

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m.

J. Arnold, M. Bier, D. Keebortz
K. Moll

10:45 a.m.

S. Brey, L. Brey, L. Deck, C. Deck
E. Gorman, H. Mathis, E. Rieke
L. Whitworth, W. Whitworth

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Crouse, L. Deck, C. Deck

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes, S. Rudy, K. Ohneck, G. Baitz,
D. Heimann, J. Baitz, J. McGrew, D. Bohlen

Peanut Butter
Dried Beans
Canned Meats
Canned Fruit
Canne



Dry Breakfast Food
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Canned Vegetables

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Tidings

APRIL 15, 1998

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from the pastor's pen

What a festival of faith we celebrated on Easter!

There is always a special glow in our hearts as we sing the great hymns of the church, proclaiming Christ as Lord. There is a new awareness of the joy which is central to our faith as we are assisted in our worship by the Carillon and the choir. There is a RENEWAL of our own baptismal vows as we witness the baptism of our young people who have made their commitment to Christ as Lord.

It is always my prayer as a Pastor that the joys of resurrection faith will remain with the people of God throughout the year. Throughout its history the Christian community has celebrated the first day of every week as a day of resurrection. I hope the

joys of this Easter day will linger in your heart and the spirit of the Living Christ will continue to bless you with his presence, nudge you when you grow careless in your faith and comfort you when the burdens of life grow heavy.

Next Sunday promises to be an exciting day in the life of First Christian. We are blessed with a fine group of youth in this church. I commend the church for recognizing they are an important part of the church today...not a "delayed discipleship" which assigns them some future value as the church of tomorrow. They will be sharing their faith and enthusiasm with us as they lead both the 8:15 and 10:45 worship services next week.

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Interim Minister: Rev. Bill M. Riggs

Interim Associate Minister: Rev. George Bruckman

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PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED

BE PRESENT FOR WORSHIP AS THEY CHALLENGE US WITH THE QUESTION WWJD?

I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING A WORSHIPER NEXT SUNDAY. LET'S ALL BE PRESENT FOR A SPECIAL WORSHIP EXPERIENCE.

SHALOM,

PASTOR BILL

A VERY SPECIAL DAY

LAST SUNDAY, AT THE 10:45 AM SERVICE, I WITNESSED ONE OF THE BEST EASTER SERVICES THAT I HAVE ATTENDED
(I DON'T THINK THAT I HAVE MISSED ANY SINCE BIRTH!)

NOT ONLY WAS THE ENTIRE SERVICE WELL DONE - MUSIC, CANDIDATES BAPTISM, MESSAGE, COMMUNION etc. - BUT THE REAL HIGHLIGHT WAS THE YOUNG CHILDREN'S RESPONSE TO THE BAPTISMAL SERVICE. THE NATURAL CURIOSITY OF THE CHILDREN COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF WE HAD TRIED TO CHOREOGRAPH IT.

THE SPONTANEITY OF THE ACT WAS WHAT MADE IT SO VERY SPECIAL.
THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR PRECIOUS LITTLE ONES!!!

Ralph Church

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!!! PLEASE NOTE !!!

If your address or zip code changes, please advise the church office as soon as possible. Each time a "Tidings" is returned because the address or zip code is incorrect, the cost to the church is at least \$.46.

The Post Office also suggested that we call every person to verify their zip code before each mailing.

PLEASE save your church the money and hassle by letting us know as soon as you make any changes.

Thank You.



ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 12, 1998

SUNDAY SCHOOL	67
WORSHIP SERVICE	171
YEAR-O-DATE	144

BUDGET NEEDS

\$ 3,523.88
 \$ 52,858.20

ACTUAL GIVING

\$ 2528.10
 \$46,539.48

happy birthday to:

APRIL

16th

Diane Freimuth
Dawn Holmes
Heather Holmes
John Weyer

17th

Derrick Farr

18th

Bob Mitchell

20th

Alrene Downes

21st

Julia Arnold
Karen Zimmerman

23rd

Janelle Arruza
Megan Geroff
Crystal Holmes
Dick Mey
Becca Widmer

24th

Grady Vanderwall

MANY
HAPPY RETURNS
TO YOU ALL

UP-COMING HAPPENINGS

APRIL 17th 9 AM - 4 PM W. CREIGHTON CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 18th 9 AM - NOON W. CREIGHTON CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 20th- 6:30 PM - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

APRIL 27th - 7:00 PM - VBS COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 3rd - 2:30 PM - PIANO / VOICE RECITAL

YOUTH GROUP

WE WILL MEET TO FINALIZE OUR PLANS FOR YOUTH SUNDAY AND
HAVE SOME FUN ON THE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th - 3:00 PM

WITH YOUTH SUNDAY BEING

SUNDAY APRIL 19, 1998

WE WILL BE OUTDOORS SOME OF THIS TIME , SO
WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHES!!

ELDER'S EXPRESS...*about music*

*"Sometimes I should sing with my spirit,
and at other times I should sing with my
mind."*

I Cor. 14:15

*The music for choir Sunday, May 10, is
the kind you sing with your spirit. It will be
a gospel mass in six parts, taking a little
over a half hour - no sermon that Sunday.*

*In the next weeks we will attempt to give you
some information about it so that you can
more readily join in with some silent singing
in your spirit so that the time together will
truly be a worship experience, not a perfor-
mance. The choir from Faith United
Methodist will be joining us with Bill Skoog
as director.*

*The mass is an old form consisting of six mu-
sical settings for the liturgy used in the
commemoration of the sacrifice of Christ
in the Lords' Supper. However, this mass is
a gospel mass, and, while retaining much of
the old liturgy, it will present the gospel in
modern style.*

*You will find it a deeply spiritual experience
if you let yourself accept this old/new form.*

...to be continued next week.

Eunice Conrad

CONGRATULATIONS.....

**TO OUR NEW MEMBERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES.**

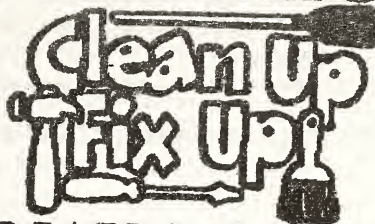
**THE FOLLOWING HAD CONFES-
SION OF FAITH ON APRIL 9, 1998
AND BAPTISM ON APRIL 12,
1998:**

**JEFFREY BUSHEY
ANDY EVANS
EMILY EVANS
LINDSAY MEDLIN
ERIC McFARLAND
BRANDON PROEGLER.**

**WE EXTEND OUR THANKS
AND APPRECIATION TO THEIR
MENTORS:**

**CHARLES HATTEN
RICHARD MEY
LORI VANDERGRIF
EUNICE CONRAD
JOHN OHNECK
and
RON WISE**

SPRING WORK DAY



MAY 2, 1998

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

BARBEE CAMP

Registration, refreshments, job-selection and assignments will begin upon your arrival at Camp. **IF YOU PLAN TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN WORK DAY or NEED LUNCH CALL: Sharon at Barbee Camp - (219) 834-4190.**

WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

1. Retreat House: windows to be washed, all ledges, etc. to be dusted, all areas cleaned.
2. Recreation Hall: picnic tables and pier pieces removed from building and building cleaned.
3. Shower House-Restrooms: completely cleaned.
4. Beach Area: brushed burned, pier pieces transported from barn and Recreation Hall.
5. ALL Cabins: windows cleaned and all areas washed and cleaned.
6. Grounds: leaves and limbs removed from next to buildings.
7. Trails: checked and brush-brambles cleared.

Clean and neat facilities are but one of the many aspects of Barbee Christian Camp that appeal to both campers and parents of campers. Every congregation that desires to send and does send young people to Barbee Camp, hopefully senses a strong measure of duty and responsibility for Barbee Camp.

REMEMBER: If buildings are not cleaned on Work Day, or by volunteers at some other time, they will not be clean when the first Campers of the year arrive. We at Barbee Camp rejoice in the privilege of celebrating our Camp Ministry.

SAVE THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION--MAKE COPIES FOR YOUR WOMEN!

When and Where to go for SpringVIEW - 1998

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| Sunday, March 29
2:00-6:45 p.m.
812/944-1736 | Central Christian Church
1315 E. Spring St.
New Albany 47150 | From I-65, take Sellersburg exit. Turn right onto Charleston Rd. Go to Vincennes St.(stoplight). Turn left; go all the way to Spring; turn right, go to 1315 Spring. |
| Saturday, April 18
9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
812/275/4497 | First Christian Church
1101 15th St.
Bedford 47421 | (Map on back of this page.) |
| Saturday, April 18
9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
317/784-4431 | Southport Christian Ch.
201 E. Epler Ave.
Indianapolis 46227 | (Map on back of this page) |
| Saturday, May 2
9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
219/291-1156 | South Side Christian Ch.
1329 E. Jackson Rd.
South Bend 46614 | Located on the south side of city, south of US Rte. 20, a few blocks east Business Rte. 31, several blocks west of Ironwood. Big white sign out front of red brick church w/name & chalice
Parking behind building. More info |
| Saturday, May 2
9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
765/457-4491
Fax 765/457-4492 | First Christian Church
854 N. Malfalfa 300 W.
Kokomo 46901 | Church in on Rt. 22 (Sycamore at 300 W (Malfalfa Rd.). From south, use Rt. 31 or Rt. 29 to Rt. 22 |

REMEMBER TO BRING: a tote bag, "mad money", or check for books, Guatemalan Crafts, & ICWF Quadrennial items (candles, shirts, tapes, cd's; free-will offering for Woman to Woman worldwide; and **TURN IN BLESSING BOX** offering to your CWF so the total can be given during SpringVIEW worship.**

****If using checks for purchases/offering, they will be made to:**

1) Christian Board of Publication (CBP) for books, study materials, CWF organizational supplies. 2) Christian Church in Indiana (CCI) for Guatemalan crafts; 3) ICWF Quadrennial Assembly for shirts, music tapes/c.d.'s/candles, etc.; 4) Christian Church in Indiana (CCI) for free-will offering for Woman to Woman Worldwide; 5) Church Finance Council for the total Blessing Box offering from your CWF.

REGISTRATION FORM

for

SpringVIEW for Indiana Women - 1998

(Send your form to the church address where you plan to attend,

BY THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT)

COST: \$7.00 per person (includes lunch, program materials, etc.)

Child care provided at each location....bring a sack lunch for your child/children.

PAY WHEN YOU ARRIVE - - - DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH THIS FORM.

BRING:

Tote bag (to carry all the "good stuff" from the day)

"Mad money" or check for books, Guatemalan crafts, Quadrennial items, etc.

TURN IN:

Blessing Box offering to your CWF prior to event; offering will be dedicated. Free will offering will be received for Woman to Woman Worldwide.



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

street

city

zip

Congregation _____ Area _____

I will need child care for _____ children.

_____ Sunday, March 29	Central Christian Church 1315 E. Spring St. New Albany 47150	2:00-6:45 p.m. 812/944-1736
_____ Saturday, April 18	First Christian Church 1101 15th St. Bedford 47421	9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. 812/275-4497
_____ Saturday, April 18	Southport Christian Church 201 E. Epler Ave. Indianapolis 46227	9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. 317/784-4431
_____ Saturday, May 2	South Side Christian Church 1329 E. Jackson Rd. South Bend 46614	9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. 219/291-1156
_____ Saturday, May 2	First Christian Church 854 N. Malfalfa 300 W. Kokomo 46901	9:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. 765/457-4491

COPY FORM AS NEEDED

BEDFORD CHRISTIAN CAMP

WORK DAY



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1998
8:00 A.M. to ?

--Continental Breakfast
--Noon meal
will be provided

**CALL IN RESERVATIONS TO: First Christian
Church, Bedford - (812) 275-4497**

**For more information about task and tools, please
contact: Gordon Douglas - (812) 275-2563**

WHERE TO LOOK IN THE BIBLE.....
WHEN....

ANXIOUS FOR DEAR ONES - Ps. 121; Luke 17.

BUSINESS IS POOR - Ps . 37, 92; Eccl. 5.

DISCOURAGED - Ps. 23, 42, 43

EVERYTHING SEEMS GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE -
II Tim. 3; Heb. 13.

FRIENDS SEEM TO GO BACK ON YOU -
Matt. 5; I Cor. 13

SORROW OVERTAKES YOU - Ps. 46; Matt. 28.

TEMPTED TO DO WRONG - Ps. 15, 19, 139
Matt. 4; James 1

THINGS LOOK BLUE - Ps. 34, 71; Isa. 40

YOU SEEM TOO BUSY - Eccl. 3:1-15

YOU CANNOT GO TO SLEEP - Ps. 4, 56, 130

YOU HAVE QUARRELED - Matt. 18; Eph. 4; James 4

YOU ARE WEARY - Ps. 95:1-7; Matt. 11

WORRIES OPPRESS YOU - Ps. 46; Matt. 6



**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS
IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES:**

The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

Covington Manor Nursing Center, 5700 Wilkie Dr. 46804

Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road 46819

Don & Valetta Parlette, Room 410

Lutheran Home, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Sarah Smith, Room C356

Mariner Health Care Center, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835

Bernice Montgomery, Room 301

Ossian Health Care, 215 Davis Road, Ossian, IN 46774

Dorothy Green, Room 301A

Riverbend, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

Renaissance Village, 650 S. 800 E-92 46804

Kathlyn Banet, Room 218

St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-B

Townhouse Health Center, 2209 St. Joe Center Road 46825

Lola Miller, Room 201

AT HOME:

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, 746 Candlelite Court 46807

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

Andy Cook, 11335 Gongwer Drive 46845

Lucille Branstrator, 9721 Coverdale Rd 46809

YOUR GARDEN

IT IS TIME TO PLANT YOUR GARDENS. AS YOU PLANT, MAY I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING RULES :

PLANT - 3 ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. SQUASH GOSSIP
2. SQUASH CRITICISM
3. SQUASH INDIFFERENCE

PLANT - 3 ROWS OF PEAS:

1. PURITY
2. PATIENCE
3. PERSEVERANCE

PLANT - 6 ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. LET US BE UNSELFISH AND LOYAL.
2. LET US BE FAITHFUL TO DUTY.
3. LET US SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES.
4. LET US NOT BE WEARY IN WELL-DOING.
5. LET US BE OBEDIENT IN ALL THINGS.
6. LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

NO GARDEN - IS COMPLETE WITH TURNIPS:

1. TURN UP FOR CHURCH, PRAYER SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY.
2. TURN UP WITH A SMILE, EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE DIFFICULT.
3. TURN UP WITH DETERMINATION TO DO YOUR BEST FOR GOD'S CAUSE.

AFTER PLANTING, MAY YOU "GROW IN GRACE AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

II PETER 3:18

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



THIS WEEK
THURSDAY - APRIL 16

NO ADVENTURE CLUB TODAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

10:00 AM Parenthetical Players
3:00 PM Youth Group

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
YOUTH SUNDAY

8:15 AM First Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School for
Everyone!
10.45 AM Second Worship Service

TUESDAY - APRIL 21

9:30 AM Rachel Circle
6:00 - 7:30 PM Adventure Club Parents

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 22

5:30 PM Carillon Rehearsal

THURSDAY - APRIL 23

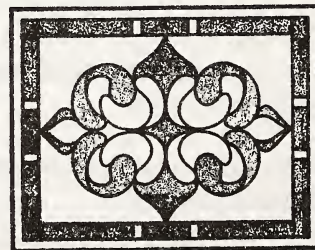
Adventure Club is back...
3:45PM to 6:00 PM

PHOTOGRAPH'S FOR PRAYER

We need your photograph to help focus our prayers for you. The member and visitor card file in the Chapel has your name and address on it, but not everyone knows what you look like. Please submit a small, billfold size photograph with your name on the back to the church office.

Do not expect it to be returned.

Do you have a favorite prayer that brings you closer to the Lord? Bring it to the Chapel and include it in the red binder. The chapel is open and available for prayer when the church office is open - 8:30 am to 4:30 PM and also when other activities necessitate the church being unlocked.



NEW CHALICE HYMNALS

A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU GOES TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS FOR BEING A PART OF OUR NEW HYMNAL PROJECT.

BOOK PLATES WITH DEDICATIONS ARE BEING PREPARED AND WILL
BE PLACED IN HYMNALS SOON. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN FUTURE
"TIDINGS" ISSUE.

PASTOR BILL RIGGS

MARK and ROSEMARY KRULL

ORIE and MARILYN McDOUGLE

PASTOR BILL RIGGS

GEORGE and VIRGINIA BRUCKMAN

JOHN and KRIS OHNECK

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MARK SNYDER

REBA FUSSELMAN

MARK and JULIA ARNOLD

JACK and JANEL WEIKER

Wm and MARGARET LOVE

RUBY MOWERY

ED and SUE ALLEN

JACK and BRENDA KELLY

REBA FUSSELMAN

MARLO QUICK

WILBUR and DORIS SNOOK

BILL and GINNY JOHNSON

JEFF YOUNG

**SERVING
ON SUNDAY
ELDERS**

8:15 a.m.

K. Cron, G. Bruckman

10:45 a.m.

B. Franklin, J. McGrew

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m.

M. Crouse, M. Mullen, J. Ott,
D. Schuricht

10:45 a.m.

C. Falbe, J. Franklin, M. McDougale,
O. McDougale, K. Scott, L. Stover,
L. Vandergriff, E. Yeoman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Crouse, L. Deck, C. Deck

LAY READER

V. Bruckman



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Cidings

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from the pastor's pen....

OUR CONGREGATION IS TRULY
ESSED WITH A FINE GROUP OF
OUTH. I SHARED IN BOTH WORSHIP
RVICES LED BY THE YOUTH LAST
NDAY. THE SERVICE WAS CRE-
ED BY OUR YOUTH AND THEIR
ADERS. I FOUND IT TO BE
OUGHTFUL AND STIMULATING. IT
AS GOOD TO SEE A GENERATION OF
UTH RAISED IN THE ERA OF HIGH
CH RECOGNIZE THE LIMITS OF A
CHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY TO PRO-
DE ANSWERS TO THE DEEPER
ESTIONS AND PAINS OF LIFE IN
E REAL WORLD. *WELL DONE !!*

THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR
TH, YOUR QUESTIONS AND YOUR
OUGHTFUL INSIGHTS!

I WILL BE AWAY NEXT SUNDAY
ATTENDING THE REGIONAL ASSEM-
BLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN INDIANA.
IT APPEARS WE WILL HAVE AT
LEAST 5 LAY MEMBERS FROM OUR
CONGREGATION IN ATTENDANCE.

I HOPE YOU WILL BE PRESENT
FOR WORSHIP HERE. OUR GUEST
PREACHER WILL BE CHRISTOPHER
SMITH. I MET CHRISTOPHER AND
HIS FAMILY WHILE DOING THE
INERIM MINISTRY IN ELKHART.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH GIVEN BY CANDIDATES

ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9,
THE CANDIDATE/MENTOR PROGRAM
SPRING MEMBERSHIP CLASS CELE-
BRATED CONFESSION OF FAITH AT
THE 7:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE.

THE MENTORS INTRODUCED THE
CANDIDATES. THEN THE CANDI-
DATES READ THEIR STATEMENTS TO
OUR CONGREGATION.

BELOW IS A COMPLETE LIST OF CAN-
DIDATES AND THEIR MENTORS.

JEFFREY BUSHEY - CHARLES HATTEN
ANDY EVANS - RICHARD MEY
EMILY EVANS - LORI VANDERGRIF
LINDSAY MEDLIN - EUNICE CONRAD
ERIC McFARLAND - JOHN OHNECK
BRANDON PROEGLER - RON WISE

THOSE OF US WHO PARTICIPATED IN
THIS PROGRAM WANTED TO REACH
OUT AND SHARE THIS EXPERIENCE
WITH EACH MEMBER OF OUR
CHURCH FAMILY, SO EACH PERSONS
STATEMENT WILL FOLLOW.

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CHARLES HATTEN MENTOR

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Jeffrey Bushey. He is 13 years old and is in the 6th grade at Memorial Park School. Jeff loves hockey and soccer and plays guitar in the jazz band at his school. He also plays the trombone. I was encouraged during our time together to see the love, respect, and appreciation Jeffrey has for his parents. He is a kind hearted young man and will make a great member of the First Christian Family.

JEFFREY BUSHEY CANDIDATE

I would like to thank Charlie Hatten, for being my Mentor at a busy time in his life. I am becoming a member of this church because I want God to help me with my everyday challenges and choices. Also to have God help me follow in my family's footsteps. So, this is why I want to become a member of First Christian Church.

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**DICK MEY
MENTOR**

Andy Evans is 15 years old and a freshman Southside High School. Andy likes sports and plays on the baseball team. Andy, like most boys likes to eat.

We have become very close in these past weeks. I have enjoyed it very much. Andy is very open and will spend his mind on things we studied. I feel Andy will grow more in his faith with God's help and our support.

**ANDY EVANS
CANDIDATE**

These last 6 weeks have been fun and interesting. Dick Mey has been a great mentor and friend through this. I cannot think of a better person that I could share this memorable moment with. I would also like to thank my parents for explaining to me how important this was for me.

After much studying of the Bible and myself I am now ready to become a member of this church and the Christian way.

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**LORI VANDERGRIFF
MENTOR**

This evening I have the honor of introducing you to Emily Evans. Over the past several weeks I have had the pleasure of getting to know her better. We have spent time reading the Bible, talking about Jesus, and also just plain having fun. I have found Emily to possess many fine qualities which will be great assets to our congregation. Not the least of which are her love of family, her caring heart and her beautiful smile. I am proud and blessed to call her friend and a sister in Christ.

**EMILY EVANS
CANDIDATE**

I've had lots of fun learning about the Bible and Jesus, with my mentor and friend Lori Vandergriff. I would like to join the church because I'm interested in learning more about God and the church. I'd also like to thank my loving parents and the congregation for all their support.

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**EUNICE CONRAD
MENTOR**

Lindsay Medlin is in the 5th grade at Whispering Meadows School. She is grateful for her home and family. She enjoys being with friends and she has lots of them. Pet animals are a special joy too! Lindsay is interested in understanding the Bible. She knows God loves her and that she can call upon him at any time.

I've enjoyed sharing my time with her. She is special.

**LINDSAY MEDLIN
CANDIDATE**

I think that getting baptized will bring me closer to God. I can take communion which is the last supper and have a personal relationship with Christ. I would like to thank my mentor Eunice Conrad for teaching me more about the Bible and what it means to be a Christian. We also had fun playing Bible Trivia.

**RON WISE
MENTOR**

It is my pleasure to introduce Brandon Proegler to the congregation.

Brandon is a 6th grader at Norwell Middle School where he enjoys sports and all of his classes. Brandon is a young disciple who brings sensitivity, a willingness to learn and a deep love for Christ. He is very proud of his family as I am sure they are of him.

Brandon also has an eagerness to be baptized and then to continue his journey with our Lord to become a Disciple of Christ.

**BRANDON PROEGLER
CANDIDATE**

There are a few reasons why I want to be baptized. One reason I want to be baptized is for me to feel closer to the Lord. A second reason that I want to be baptized is to be forgiven for my sins. Another reason that I want to be baptized is so I may know the right things to do and say. I want to be baptized so I can fully partake in the service. Those are the reasons I think that I should be baptized.

**JOHN OHNECK
MENTOR**

Eric McFarland is 10 years old with his birthday being April 30. He attends Whispering Meadows School and is in the 5th grade.

He enjoys baseball, basketball, fishing and most of all Nascar racing. Eric is

quite the computer whiz also. He taught me some things while traveling through the internet.

I am very proud of Eric for his commitment to follow the Lord. May all his prayers be answered as he continues his faith journey.

**ERIC McFARLAND
CANDIDATE**

First of all I want to thank my mentor, Mr. Ohneck. I have learned a lot from him about the Bible. We have had a lot of fun together.

I have decided to follow Jesus Christ because I have believed in God all my life. I also want to thank my family for supporting me.

Candidates were baptized April 12 at the 9:45 am Easter Sunday worship service.

**!!!! NOTICE !!!!
CANDIDATE/MENTOR PROGRAM**

NEW MEMBERS:

IF YOU HAVE FINISHED STUDYING THE SCRIPTOGRAPHIC BOOKLETS AND DO NOT WISH TO RETAIN THEM FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AS THEY CAN BE RECYCLED FOR FUTURE CLASSES.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN THE WORKSHEETS AND EVALUATION SHEETS TO PASTOR BILL RIGGS.

**THANK YOU
BRENDA KELLY**



BEDFORD CHRISTIAN CAMP

WORK DAY



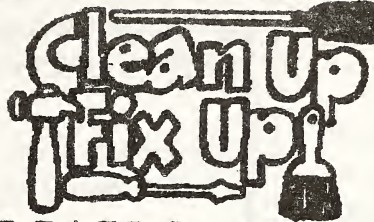
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1998
8:00 A.M. to ?

--Continental Breakfast
--Noon meal
will be provided

CALL IN RESERVATIONS TO: First Christian
Church, Bedford - (812) 275-4497

For more information about task and tools, please
contact: Gorden Douglas - (812) 275-2563

SPRING WORK DAY



MAY 2, 1998

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

BARBEE CAMP

Registration, refreshments, job-selection and assignments will begin upon your arrival at Camp. **IF YOU PLAN TO BE A PARTICIPANT IN WORK DAY or NEED LUNCH CALL: Sharon at Barbee Camp - (219) 834-4190.**

WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED

1. Retreat House: windows to be washed, all ledges, etc. to be dusted, all areas cleaned.
2. Recreation Hall: picnic tables and pier pieces removed from building and building cleaned.
3. Shower House-Restrooms: completely cleaned.
4. Beach Area: brushed burned, pier pieces transported from barn and Recreation Hall.
5. ALL Cabins: windows cleaned and all areas washed and cleaned.
6. Grounds: leaves and limbs removed from next to buildings.
7. Trails: checked and brush-brambles cleared.

Clean and neat facilities are but one of the many aspects of Barbee Christian Camp that appeal to both campers and parents of campers. Every congregation that desires to send and does send young people to Barbee Camp, hopefully senses a strong measure of duty and responsibility for Barbee Camp.

REMEMBER: If buildings are not cleaned on Work Day, or by volunteers at some other time, they will not be clean when the first Campers of the year arrive. We at Barbee Camp rejoice in the privilege of celebrating our Camp Ministry.

PASTORS PEN CONTINUED.....

CHRIS IS AN ORDAINED MINISTER IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. HE IS A GRADUATE OF YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL. HE IS IN OUR CITY DOING AN INTERNSHIP AT LUTHERAN HOSPITAL, PREPARING FOR HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY. I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL BE BLESSED BY HIS MESSAGE AS HE LEADS YOU IN WORSHIP AT BOTH SERVICES.

AS YOU GATHER HERE FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BE AWARE THAT AN EXPECTED 4,000 MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) WILL BE GATHERING IN THE RCA DOME IN INDIANAPOLIS FOR WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION. PRAY FOR THE LARGER EXPRESSION OF THE CHURCH AS IT ASSEMBLES THERE. WE ARE ALL PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST AND RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE ANOTHER, WHEREVER WE MAY BE GATHERED IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.

SHALOM,

PASTOR BILL RIGGS

ELDER'S EXPRESS...about music

"Sometimes I should sing with my spirit, and at other times I should sing with my mind"

I Cor. 14:15

The piece called a "Gospel Mass" to be sung May 10 with the combined choirs contains the old words of faith and the general structure of a mass, but all in modern idiom. It starts with the Kyrie, the Lord have mercy upon us, which becomes a plea for spiritual life to be renewed, "Give us your word and teach us to pray".

The second part is the Gloria which enters into the hold of holies of adoration of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit —"the blessed three in One."

The third part is the Credo which states what we believe and is patterned after the Apostles' Creed. It ends with the resounding affirmation "I beleive in God".

You get the idea? This is not a performance. It is a worship experience. The last three parts will be described next week.

...to be continued next week

Eunice Conrad

Joys & Concerns

KATHRYN SMART FELL AND
BROKE HER ARM. SHE IS STAYING
WITH HER DAUGHTER AND WOULD
LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

HER ADDRESS IS
8220 TRANQUILLA PLACE
FT WAYNE 46815.

PLEASE REMEMBER KATHRYN ALONG
WITH BILL CROUSE AND
JUDY PLUMMER IN YOUR PRAYERS.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

BEGINNING JUNE 1, WE WILL BE USING A DIFFERENT
FORMAT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN. THEY
WILL ALL GATHER IN THE RECREATION ROOM AND JOIN
IN THE LESSON FOR ONE DAY. THEY MAY EVEN TAKE
A COUPLE OF FIELD TRIPS ON A SUNDAY MORNING.
SINCE IT IS VACATION TIME, WE COULD USE ONE
TO SIX ADULTS (MEN INCLUDED) WORKING AS A TEAM
TO COVER THE 13 SUNDAYS. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY
TO PASS ON OUR FAITH, GET TO KNOW OUR WONDERFUL
CHILDREN, AND GIVE OUR DEDICATED TEACHERS A WELL
DESERVED BREAK. PLEASE CONTACT JUDY CHURCH AT 447-5691.

DID YOU KNOW ?

*Did you know.....***THAT** THE PAINTING OF THE EXTERIOR WALLS OF THE NEW NURSERY HAS BEGUN AND WE EXPECT TO MOVE THE CABINETS AND FINISH PAINTING BY SATURDAY APRIL 25th.

*Did you know.....***THAT OUR** EASTER OFFERING TO BASIC MISSION WAS \$746.55.

Did you know...THAT.."HERE I AM LORD" IS THE THEME FOR SUMMER CAMP. CAMP BEGINS SOON. THE EARLIEST SCHEDULED WEEK AT BARBEE CAMP IS JUNE 8-13. EARLY REGISTRATIONS ARE REQUIRED AS SOME WEEKS FILL UP QUICKLY. ADDITIONAL CAMPS ARE AVAILABLE. CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING DATES AND SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY. WATCH NEXT WEEK'S "TIDINGS" FOR DATES.

*Did you know...THAT..*Kris Ohneck will be teaching a class on "Diversity" beginning in May. Watch for upcoming information.

WHAT's HAPPENING.....????

YOUTH GROUP

MEETING SUNDAY

APRIL 26th

6:00 - 7:30 PM

GAMES.....GAMES.....
GAMES

D.M.A. May 5th

LUNCH AT 11:30 PROMPT !!! MEET AT RENAISSANCE RESTAURANT
(Corner of Decatur Road (US 27) and E. Tillman).

WE WILL CARPOOL FROM THERE TO McMILLIAN CENTER FOR
HEALTH EDUCATION TOUR WHICH STARTS AT 1 PM.

COST IS \$2.60 FOR EACH PERSON.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR- - - - -MAY 17th.

WE WILL BE HAVING A CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY. THE FELLOWSHIP
COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE BIRTHDAY CAKE AND DRINKS.

WE WILL ALL BE SEATED BY THE MONTH OF OUR BIRTHDAY.

THE FOOD GROUPS WILL BE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

(Use the first letter of your last name as the guide
for your carry-in dish)

A - F	MAIN DISH
G - M	VEGETABLE
N - T	SALAD
U - Z	DESSERT

*PLAN TO BE HERE AND HAVE A
GREAT FELLOWSHIP*

THIS PARTY WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECOND SERVICE.

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO INFORM OUR CONGREGATION THAT EDWIN ALLEN Jr. , NOW RESIDING IN ST. LOUIS, MO, HAS BEEN SELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AT LEXINGTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

EDWIN BEGAN HIS JOURNEY IN MINISTRY HERE AT OUR CHURCH IN THE EARLY 1970's. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN OUR YOUTH PROGRAM AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AND UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF REVEREND HAROLD CLINE CONTINUED HIS DESIRE FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY.

EDWIN IS A GRADUATE OF BALL STATE UNIVERSITY (1972) AND BRITISH DIVINITY SCHOOL TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (1976), AND IS AN ORDAINED DISCIPLES MINISTER. HE SERVED AS PASTOR OF TWO CHURCHES IN OHIO BEFORE ENTERING INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN 1983 WITH THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION, INDIANAPOLIS. EDWIN JOINED THE DISCIPLES' NATIONAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION IN 1986. HE SERVES AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR FOXWOOD SPRINGS, A CONTINUING CARE UNIT OF THE NABA. SINCE 1992, EDWIN HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF PLANNED GIVING FOR THE NATIONAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST). HE WILL JOIN THE LTS ADMINISTRATION ON DECEMBER 1.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO:

25th VERNA WATSON
26th JENNA WISE
27th NATALI EVANS
28th JESSIE FERN WOODWARD
29th NICHOLAS BERRY
30th MATTHEW ARRUZA
MILDRED HUTCHINSON
ERIC McFARLAND

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO:

2nd GINI BROWN
3rd LARRY BUSSE
INEZ PETTY
DORIS SNOOK
4th JASON BOND
RAY STOVER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE

**SERVING APRIL 26
ELDERS**

15 a.m.

S. HAYES, K. CRON

1:45 a.m.

C. McGREW, J. MEY

DIACONATE & GREETERS

15 a.m.

**J. ARNOLD, M. BIER, D. KEEBORTZ,
K. MOLL**

1:45 a.m.

**G. BAITZ, J. BAITZ, D. BOHLEN,
J. BOHLEN, S. BRICKLEY, G. COLE,
T. KNUCKLES, L. McFARLAND,
R. WISE**

COMMUNION PREPARATION

APRIL 26 and MAY 3

J. OTT, S. BREY, L. BREY

LAY READER

SUE KNUCKLES

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

**J. CHURCH, C. FALBE
E. CONRAD, M. McDOUGLE
B. BIER, O. McDOUGLE
C. HATTEN, L. McFARLAND**



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APRIL 29, 1998
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from the pastor's pen....

The Regional Assembly held in Indianapolis this past week-end was a great experience! Fred Chaddock always inspires, informs and challenges in his sermons and his Bible studies. My friend and mentor, Tex Sample, never fails to offer fresh insights into the meaning of faith and how that faith is expressed and appropriated in a growing variety of cultural contexts. Beyond having the soul and mind fed by these two outstanding scholars and communicators, the Regional Assembly is also deeply personal in that you see people you have cherished across the years in different settings of ministry...parishioners from four interim ministries...babies you dedicated in the early '80's who are now young men and women, still growing their faith...colleagues with whom you have served in ministry, not only in this region but

going back to times and places pre-dating ministry in Indiana. It was good to touch base with my Disciple family!

First Christian was represented at the Assembly on Friday and Saturday by Ralph and Judy Church, Teresa Hatten and Kris Ohneck. Bill and Jo Franklin, Barb Hayes, Kris Ohneck and Jessica Anderson attended the festive assembly worship service in the convention Center on Sunday Morning.

Sunday, May 3 has been designated Ecumenical Partnership Sunday. We will be celebrating the growing unity expressed through shared ministries between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Interim Minister: Rev. Bill M. Riggs

Interim Associate Minister: Rev. George Bruckman

4800 S. Calhoun Street

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Pastor's Pen continued

and the United Church of Christ.

Sometimes we get so bogged down with our local problems and so harried with our personal agendas that we lose sight of the exciting happenings in the church beyond our congregation. I hope you will be present for worship this Sunday and give thanks to God for the growing witness of the church, here and throughout the world, as we recognize our oneness in Christ and accept the common mission which Christ has given to the Church.

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

LESS IS MORE

Fear less, Hope more.
Eat less, Chew more.
Sit less, Walk more.
Whine less, breathe more.
Talk less, say more.
Hate less, Love more

Where to look in the Bible

If You.....

Are challenged by opposing forces...

Eph. 6

Phil. 4

Are facing a crisis...

Job 28:12-28

Prov. 8

Isa 55

Are jealous...

Ps. 49

James 3

Are impatient...

Ps. 40, 90

Heb. 12

Are bereaved...

I Cor. 15

Thess. 4:13-5; 28

Rev. 21, 22

Are bored...

II Kings 5

Job 38

Ps 103, 104

Eph. 3

WHAT WOULD *YOU* LIKE TO
SEE IN THE "TIDINGS" ???

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME INPUT AS
TO WHAT *YOU* WOULD LIKE TO SEE
IN THE "TIDINGS"

PLEASE PLACE YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN THE CHURCH
OFFICE OR IN THE
SLOTTED MONEY BOX OUTSIDE THE
CHURCH OFFICE DOOR.
OR GIVE THE CHURCH OFFICE A CALL.

ARTICLES (On what?)
HEALTH TIPS
INTERVIEWS WITH MEMBERS
YOUNG PEOPLE PAGE
PUZZLE's
CHURCH HISTORY TEST

WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS?

*PLEASE
CHECK
BOTH
SIDES
OF
CALENDAR
INSERT.*

*BIRTHDAYS
AND
HAPPENINGS*

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GEESE...

They fly in a "V" formation because it takes
% less energy compared to flying solo. SO
URCH PEOPLE NEED TO STICK TO-
THER!

The lead goose has the difficult job of break-
the wind barrier, so they rotate leadership.
LET'S SHARE THE HARD JOBS AT
URCH!

Geese honk as they fly. If one drops out and
ks the efficiency equation, the others honk
ouragement to the leader. IN CHURCH,
"S HONK SOME ENCOURAGING
RDS!

4. If a goose is hurt in flight, two others
accompany
it to the ground and give help. IN
CHURCH, LET'S TAKE CARE OF EACH
OTHER!

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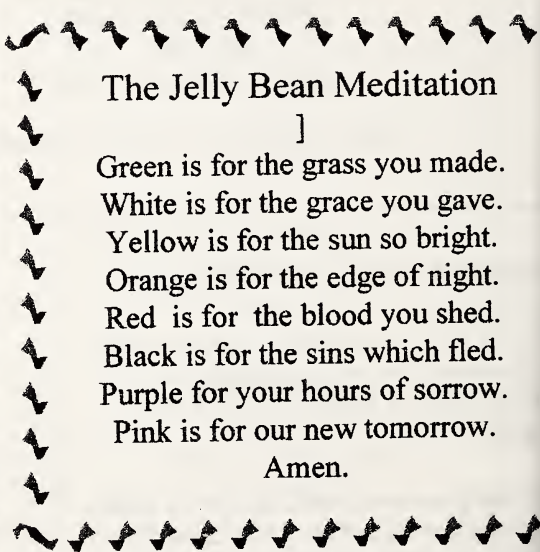
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Eunice Conrad



The Jelly Bean Meditation

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White is for the grace you gave.
Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.
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Black is for the sins which fled.
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Pink is for our new tomorrow.

Amen.



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Sunday

Saturday

Wednesday

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GINI BROWN

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DORIS SNOOK
INEZ PETTY
LARRY BUSSE

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JASON
RAY S

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DEREK PROEGLER
GRANT GRIMM

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JOAN FRANKLIN

11

LISA F

16

JANE BENCH

17

SAM HAYES

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ART T
KAYL

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EMILY EVANS
JAY BIXENMAN
JENNIFER MOUNSEY

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MELIS
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may 1998



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10 JOAN FRANKLIN	11 LISA FORNWALT	12 CHRISTINA PARKER LAURIE BERRY	13 DONNA HEIMANN	14 MATTHEW BUSSE	15 LILA RUSSELL MARY NEW	16 JANE BENCH
17 SAM HAYES	18 ART THOMAS KAYLIE DUNCAN	19 CHRISTINA ALEXANDER EARL SNOUFFER SHIRLEY HOWELL THELMA ONION	20	21 AMY JENKINS BOB HENDRICKS LORI VANDERGRIF	22 JENNY ZUMWALT	23 EMILY EVANS JAY BIXENMAN JENNIFER MOUNSEY
24	25 MELISSA GRIER VIRGINIA BRUCKMAN	26 HAROLD NORDBLUM KRISTEN PENA	27 CAREN WISE JENNY BAITZ RON WISE	28 GENE KLEPFER JOSHUA WATSON PAT MULLEN	29 CAROLYN AUSTIN MOLLY BAUGHMAN	30
31 DIANE HOWARD WAYNE PENNY						

Birthday's

1998

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Thursday April 30 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh. @ Faith United Methodist	1	2
lon Rehearsal	7 3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Adventure Club	8	9
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lon Rehearsal	21 3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Adventure Club	22	23
lon Rehearsal	28 3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Adventure Club	29	30

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WEIGHT WATCHERS

Monday 4:30 - 6:30 PM
 Wednesday 4:30 - 6:30 PM
 Thursday 9:00 - 11:00 AM

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Retirees
College-bound Individuals**

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volunteer recruiting
and coordinating
children, tutors and
parents for
**Project
READS**

*Good
Benefits*

Is This YOU?

- high school graduate / GED
- 18 years of age or older
- interested in literacy issues
- good communication skills
- can work independently or in small groups
- enjoy working to improve the lives of young children

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Christian Camp

Call Carey at the Local Education Fund
423-6447

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Camp Dates</u>	<u>Camp Directors</u>	<u>Cost</u>
New Beginnings	June 29-July 1	Director TBA	\$74.00
(compl. gr. 2,3)	August 10-12	Steve/Connie Workman	\$74.00
Young Disciples	June 8-13	Paul Champion/Beverly Emond	\$143.00
(compl. gr. 4,5)	July 13-18	David/Linda Klinck	\$143.00
	August 3-8	Becky Carr	\$143.00
Chi Rho Camp	June 15-20	Mark MacWhorter	\$143.00
(compl. gr. 6,7,8)	July 20-25	Mark O'Brien/Martha Payne	\$143.00
CYF Conference	June 22-27	Charlie Mennon/Jenni Crowley	\$156.00
(compl. gr. 9-12)	July 27-Aug. 1	Mark Anderson/Omar Habayeb	\$156.00
Family Camp		Director TBA	(Varying Fees)
(all ages!)	Sept. 4-7		

CONTACT JUDY CHURCH FOR

INFORMATION AND

RESERVATION FORMS

[Barbee Christian Camp: partially wooded 123 acres in northern Indiana on Kuhn Lake just off Rt. 13, about 8 miles north of Piercetown intersection of Rt. 30 and 13; lake beach.]



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3 2:30 PM Voice/Piano Recital w/ Reception following 5:30 - 7 PM Youth Group	4	5 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM ELECTION BOARD 11:30 AM DMA 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	6 5:30 PM Carillon Rehearsal	7 3:45 PM - 6:00 PM Adventure Club	8	9
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Attention

**Homemakers
Retirees
College-bound Individuals**

Serve one year as a
full-time, paid VISTA
volunteer recruiting
and coordinating
children, tutors and
parents for
**Project
READS**

*Good
Benefits*

Is This YOU?

- high school graduate / GED
- 18 years of age or older
- interested in literacy issues
- good communication skills
- can work independently or in small groups
- enjoy working to improve the lives of young children

BARBEE

Christian Camp

Call Carey at the Local Education Fund
423-6447

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Camp Dates</u>	<u>Camp Directors</u>	<u>Cost</u>
New Beginnings	June 29-July 1	Director TBA	\$74.00
(compl. gr. 2,3)	August 10-12	Steve/Connie Workman	\$74.00
Young Disciples	June 8-13	Paul Champion/Beverly Emond	\$143.00
(compl. gr. 4,5)	July 13-18	David/Linda Klinck	\$143.00
	August 3-8	Becky Carr	\$143.00
Chi Rho Camp	June 15-20	Mark MacWhorter	\$143.00
(compl. gr. 6,7,8)	July 20-25	Mark O'Brien/Martha Payne	\$143.00
CYF Conference	June 22-27	Charlie Mennon/Jenni Crowley	\$156.00
(compl. gr. 9-12)	July 27-Aug. 1	Mark Anderson/Omar Habayeb	\$156.00
Family Camp		Director TBA	(Varying Fees)
(all ages!)	Sept. 4-7		

CONTACT JUDY CHURCH FOR

INFORMATION AND

RESERVATION FORMS

[Barbee Christian Camp: partially wooded 123 acres in northern Indiana on Kuhn Lake just off Rt. 13, about 8 miles north of Piercetown intersection of Rt. 30 and 13; lake beach.]

what's happening

*YOUTH GROUP
!!!! NOTICE !!!!*

**MEETING TIME
CHANGE**

MAY 3 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

MAY 10 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

MAY 17 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

**DMA
TUESDAY, MAY 5th**

**LUNCH PROMPTLY AT 11:30 AM
AT
RENAISSANCE RESTAURANT
(Corner of Decatur Road (US 27)
and TILLMAN ROAD)**

**CAR POOL FROM RESTAURANT
TO McMILLIAN CENTER
FOR HEALTH EDUCATION TOUR
AT 1:00 PM
COST IS \$2.60 PER PERSON**

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MORE.....

UP COMING ATTRACTIONS.....

NEW CLASSES
WITH
KRIS OHNECK

WATCH NEXT WEEK FOR
MORE INFORMATION.....

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PLEASE PLAN TO
ATTEND...

PIANO and VOICE
RECITAL

SUNDAY, MAY 3rd

2:30 PM

RECEPTION IN
PARLOW
FOLLOWING RECITAL

*PARTICIPANTS
PLEASE ARRIVE BY 2:00 PM*

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning on June 1, we will be using a different format for Sunday School for the children.

They will all gather in the upper room and join in the lesson for the day. They maybe taking a field trip or two - also on Sunday morning.

Since it is vacation time, we could use four to six adults (men included) working as a team to cover the 4th Sunday's.

This is a great opportunity to pass on your faith, get to know our wonderful children and give our dedicated teachers a well deserved break.

Please contact Judy Church at 447-5691 and let her know when you will be able to help.

SERVING MAY 3**ELDERS****8:15 AM**

J. Ohneck, B. Bier

10:45 AM

B. Widmer, D. Heimann

DIACONATE & GREETERS**8:15 AM**

M. Crouse, M. Mullen, J. Ott, D. Schuricht

10:45AM

S. Brey, L. Brey, L. Deck, C. Deck

E. Gorman, H. Mathis, E. Rieke

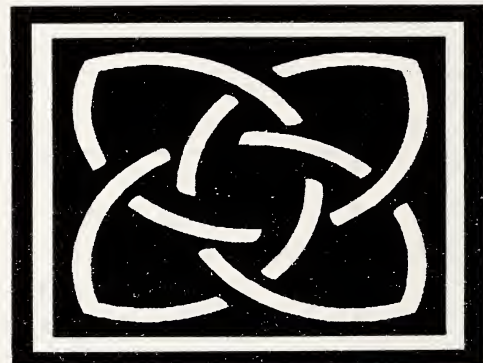
L. Whitworth, W. Whitworth

COMMUNION PREPARATION**APRIL 26 and MAY 3**

J. Ott, S. Brey, L. Brey

LAY READER

M. Bier



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from the pastor's pen....

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY. OUR CHOIR WILL BE JOINED BY THE CHOIR OF FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR A WORSHIP PRESENTATION OF A "GOSPEL MASS" THE JOINT CHOIRS PRESENTED THE MASS AT FAITH UNITED LAST SUNDAY. THE GOSPEL MASS WILL BE AT THE 10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE. THE TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED AT THE CUSTOMARY 8:15 HOUR.

SEVERAL EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT FIRST CHRISTIAN. I HAVE COMPLETED THE ANALYSIS OF OUR VISION MEETINGS. THE 24 PAGE REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CABINET THIS WEEK AND TO THE

BOARD NEXT TUESDAY EVENING. THE REPORT WILL RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE TENSIONS OUR CONGREGATION IS EXPERIENCING BUT ALSO POINT UP SOME OF THE HOPES AND DREAMS WE HAVE FOR THE FUTURE OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. I WILL BE OFFERING A FEW SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DAYS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE US REGARDING A PROGRAM PLANNING PROCESS AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE MORE VOLATILE ISSUES WE ARE FACING.

I AM SO EXCITED ABOUT A CLASS KRIS OHNECK WILL BE OFFERING AT OUR CHURCH. IT IS A COURSE DEALING WITH DIVERSITY, EXPLORING HOW WE LIVE IN A MULTI-CULTURAL SOCIETY.

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THE STUDY IS CALLED "FIRST WE MUST LISTEN." WE ARE A VERY DIVERSE CONGREGATION AND DIVERSITY CAN CREATE UNNECESSARY TENSIONS UNLESS WE LEARN TO NOT MERELY TOLERATE DIVERSITY BUT TO CELEBRATE IT AS ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF OUR DISCIPLES OF CHRIST TRADITION.

I ENCOURAGE ALL, OLD AND YOUNG, NEW MEMBERS AND OLD-TIMERS, CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL Etc. Etc. TO TAKE SOME TIME OUT AND ENTER INTO THE DISCUSSION THIS CLASS WILL PROVOKE. WE NEED THIS DISCUSSION AT THIS POINT OF TIME IN OUR LIVE. I AM GRATEFUL THAT KRIS IS OFFERING THIS CLASS. I INTEND TO PARTICIPATE AND IMPROVE MY "LISTENING SKILLS". I HOPE MANY IN OUR CONGREGATION WILL MAKE THE SAME COMMITMENT.

SHALOM, PASTOR BILL

NOTIFICATION

OUR OUTREACH GIVING TO DATE INCLUDES \$3,159 WHICH WAS PRIOR TO EASTER AND RECONCILIATION. BY ADDING THE OTHERS, WE HAVE PRESENTED BMF (Basic Mission Finance) OF THE DISCIPLE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION A TOTAL OF \$5,339.00 FOR MISSION WORK.

THIS IS FOR ONE THIRD OF THE YEAR:

COULD WE POSSIBLY HAVE THREE TIMES THIS AMOUNT FOR THE TOTAL YEAR ??

THE PRAYERS AND HELP WE PROVIDE MAKE POSSIBLE THE WORK AND MINISTRIES OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES.



SHARING THE PAIN

LORI HAYES IS A GLOBAL MISSION INTERN AT RAWDAT el ZUHUR (Garden of Flowers), A PALESTINIAN SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM WHERE SHE TEACHES ART. TO GET TO SCHOOL AND BACK SHE MUST PASS THROUGH THE OLD CITY, A "JUMBLE OF PEOPLE AND VOICES, A COMBINATION OF HOLY AND MUNDANE, A PLACE THAT INSPIRES AND FILLS, THAT IS ALSO CLUTTERED BY TENSION, FUNDAMENTALISM, POLITICS AND PAIN".

ORIGINALLY CREATED AS A HAVEN FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN OF THE 1948 AND 1967 WARS, THE SCHOOL SERVES ABOUT 250 STUDENTS AND CONTINUES TO BE A HAVEN FOR YOUNG CHILDREN FROM A VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS, INCLUDING REFUGEES.

RETIREMENT

FRANKLIN R. McGUIRE, CURATOR OF CANE RIDGE SHRINE and PRESERVATION PROJECT SINCE 1985, HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF OCTOBER, 1998.

DURING HIS TENURE, McGUIRE HAS OVERSEEN THE DOUBLING OF MUSEUM SPACE, THE QUADRUPLING OF EXHIBIT ITEMS, AND INCREASING OF THE ENDOWMENT FROM APPROXIMATELY \$50,000 TO OVER \$330,000. THE ANNUAL SUMMERTIME CANE RIDGE DAY, CO-SPONSORED BY THE CANE RIDGE BOARD AND LEXINGTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, HAS BECOME A SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL EVENT.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

ED ALLEN WAS IN HOSPITAL
FIRST PART OF THIS WEEK.

FREDA FLAUGH HAS MOVED TO
MILLER MERRY MANOR
ROOM 212

LILA RUSSELL HAD SURGERY ON
SATURDAY - THEY HAD TO
PUT PINS IN HER LEG.
PARKVIEW

BILL CROUSE WAS REPORTED TO
HAVE GONE HOME, BUT HAD BEEN MOVED TO THE Rehab CENTER.

RUTH PLUMMER HAS BEEN READMITTED TO LUTHERAN

ELDER'S EXPRESS...about music

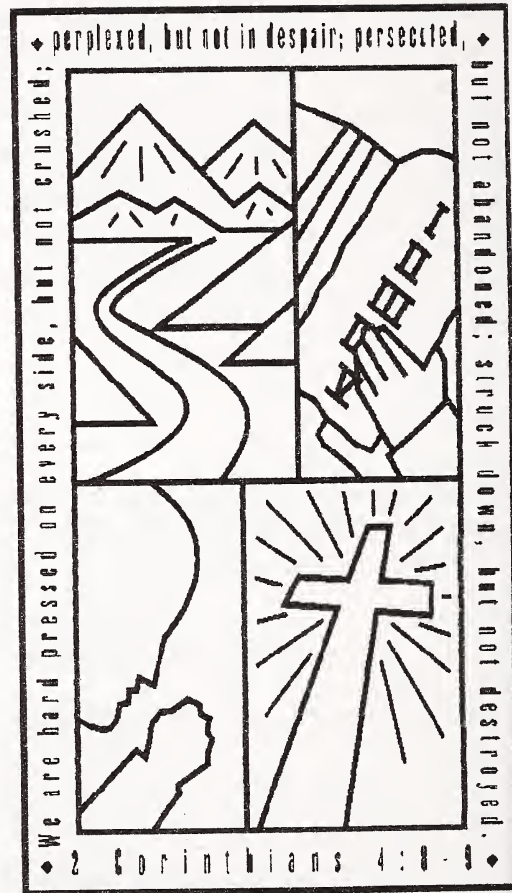
***"Sometimes I should sing with my spirit, and
at other times I should sing with my mind"***
I Cor. 14:15

By this time we hope you have decided this 30 minute musical sermon on May 10, at 10:45 am is not to be missed. We all participate by being there together. The singers and players are not performing the "Gospel Mass" for us. They are presenting this before God as an act of worship. We are listening and presenting our worship to God with their help.

The question comes—to clap or not to clap after each of the six sections. I do not see how anybody can keep from doing something a bit physical in response. And since clapping is allowed, it is the way we can say "Amen, I agree with what the music and the words are saying". If the only reason you clap is to tell the musicians they are doing a good job - **DON'T DO IT!** But do clap unto God who gives you life and makes you whole again.

**THIS IS WORSHIP TIME....
BE THERE!**

Eunice Conrad



IN HONOR OF

MOTHERS DAY

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

MAKE MY CHILDREN SWEET, LORD.
IN THY TENDER LOVING EYES;
KEEP THEM EVER HEALTHY
AND PLEASE, LORD, MAKE THEM WISE.

MAKE THEM KIND AND GENTLE, LORD,
TOWARD OTHERS ROUND ABOUT;
PLACE WITHIN THEM FAITH IN THEE;
NEVER LET THEM DOUBT.

MAKE MY CHILDREN PATIENT, LORD.
LET THEM ALWAYS SHARE
THE BLESSINGS YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM
WITH THOSE IN NEED OF CARE.

GIVE THEM TENDER LOVING HEARTS,
AS THE GREAT LOVE SENT FROM THEE;
MAKE THEM HAPPY, FILLED WITH JOY,
AND ALWAYS LET THEM THANKFUL BE.

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SUNDAY SERVICES
MAY 10th
MOTHER'S DAY

8:15 AM REGULAR WORSHIP

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 AM

COMBINED CHOIRS

IN WORSHIP

SEE "ELDERS EXPRESS THIS
ISSUE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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MAY 17 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

"MOM'S ON A MISSION"

BEGINNING IN JUNE

WEDNESDAYS

1:00 - 2:30 PM

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MOTHER'S DAY**

**ELDERS
8:15 AM**

A. Moll, K. Ohneck

10:45 AM

J. Church, C. Hatten

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 AM

J. Arnold, M. Bier, C. Davis,
D. Keebortz

10:45AM

C. Falbe, J. Franklin, L. Heimann
M. McDougale, O. McDougale,
K. Scott, L. Stover,
L. Vandergriff, E. Yeoman

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MAY 10 and 17

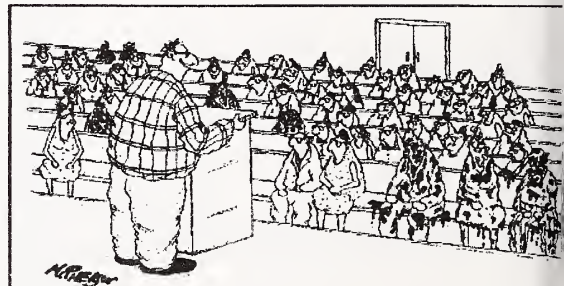
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LAY READER

M. Bier

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

G. Bruckman, E. Gorman,
B. Franklin, T. Knuckles
J. Mey, S. Rudy
K. Cron, K. Scott



"I'D LIKE TO OFFER MY APOLOGIES TO THOSE OF YOU
WHO DIDN'T REALIZE THAT OUR VOLUNTEERS WERE
SEALING THE PARKING LOT THIS WEEKEND."

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from the pastor's pen....

This week has been a meaningful one at First Christian Church. Many of us gathered on Saturday to celebrate the life and faith of Ed Allen. Ed had wrestled with a fragile heart for many years. He died quietly at Lutheran Hospital early Wednesday morning. While all who knew him lost a friend, and with that loss comes sorrow, we also gathered to worship the God in whom he had placed his trust and celebrated a joyous faith that has conquered death. The beam of resurrection faith, while always present in our lives, seems to be burning brighter in our midst because we celebrated resurrection faith as we had seen it embodied in one of God's servants, Ed Allen.

Sunday marked a special worship

opportunity for First Christian. The Chancel Choir of Faith United Methodist Church, along with some members of the IPFW Chamber Singers and members of the Turner Chapel Choir joined our Chancel Choir for the presentation of a Gospel Mass. What beautiful and exciting music! And what a wonderful fellowship followed. My Disciple blood seems to perk up any time the people of God come together in worship and celebration. It was good to worship together, to celebrate Eucharist together and to have fellowship with one another. Our thanks to all of the participants for sharing their gifts of music with our congregation!

I hope you will make a special effort to
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pastor's pen continued.....

be present for worship this Sunday and will remain for the Fellowship Dinner following the second worship service. We will be celebrating *EVERYONE'S* birthday ! I will present a brief report on the Vision Meetings and will have copies available to all who are interested. I will address the issues and some of the tensions which are obvious from the report in the sermon at both worship services.

I will be preaching on the theme "It Shall Not Be So Among You" based on Jesus' conversation with his disciples as recorded in Mark 10:35-45. Take a few moments to read this passage and reflect on its meaning before coming to worship. I look forward to greeting you at worship and sharing in fellowship with you at dinner!

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

ANNOUNCEMENT

Because you have shared in their lives
by your friendship and love
you are invited to share
with Carrie Melissa
and Daniel Patrick Moll
when they exchange marriage vows
and begin their new life together
on Saturday, the twentieth of June
Nineteen hundred and ninety-eight
at one-thirty in the afternoon
West Street Christian Church
132 North West Street
Tipton, Indiana

Charles and Jeanie Cunningham
Roger and Anne Moll

Reception following at Elk's Club
Tipton, Indiana
Please reply by June 1, 1998

DID YOU KNOW.....

.....*THAT* on Easter Sunday the Choir served a delicious breakfast between services.

Several people have expressed a desire to continue a fellowship activity during this time. Plans are to have a "5th Sunday" breakfast beginning May 31.

(Then August and November)

Anyone interested in helping plan and/or prepare this fellowship activity please contact Anne Moll 482-7519.

EVERYONE is invited to come together at this time as a whole church for fellowship and food. Plan to attend.

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.....*THAT* Becca Widmer preached for 2 services at the Anthony Wayne 1st Church of God on May 3.

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.....*THAT* May 21 is the LAST Adventure Club Meeting until next fall?

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## Charitable Giving

**fast facts**

- Don't be pressured into making a donation immediately.
- Don't give your credit card number over the phone to anyone soliciting your contribution.
- Ask for printed material so that you can carefully evaluate any requests for money.
- Check out the charity by contacting the Council of Better Business Bureaus or the National Charities Information Bureau. (See page 1 for the phone numbers and addresses.)

Bureau of Consumer Protection  
Office of Consumer &  
Business Education  
(202) 326-3650



## ***ELDER'S EXPRESS...about stewardship of time***

The Elders are studying Dick Hamm's book "From Mainline to Front Line" during this time of transition, reflection and refocus our our congregation. In one chapter Dr. Hamm refers to Ephesians 4:11-12, that we are each given gifts by God to carry on the ministry of the church by the *WHOLE* church.

There are many talented members at First Christian Church in various stages of their Christian growth; equally important are the talents which are not being developed. It is time to step up and take responsibility for carrying on the faith. There are jobs for everyone at every level, and it is your Christian responsibility as well as your privilege to serve your god with time stewardship as well as financial stewardship. If you think you are too busy to serve your God, look around you: how many ways are others serving? If each of us takes a few jobs, think how much can be done.

Some of these responsibilities include leaders, teachers, and servers: where can your talents be used?

Continued.....

Elders Express continued.....

For specific ways you can serve, contact Rosemary Krull, at 432-6181, who is working to fill the leadership roles of FCC for the next year.

Eunice Conrad

## WONDERFUL RESULTS . . . .

What a wonderful display of Christ-like giving we saw on Saturday, May 9.

The Associated Churches and the Mail Carriers of Allen County collected over 350,000 pounds of food !!

It marked the largest single day collection of food ever in the state of Indiana. Several members of First Christian Church, Beaco Heights Church of the Brethren, Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the UAW filled a semi-trailer with food from the south side of Ft. Wayne. It was encouraging to see people of different faiths, ages and interests come together to serve God.

We had a great time. !!

You might have noticed a picture in Sunday's paper of some of the FCC workers.

*"moms on missions"*

- "Are you feeling burned-out?"
- "Are you in need of some new ideas?"
- "Do you want to be assured you are doing a good job?"
- "Do you crave the fellowship of other mom's?"

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Becca Widmer's *"moms on missions"* seminar 's are for you !!!

Beginning June 1, "moms on missions" will conduct four seminars every week, at four different locations. Each seminar will last about 1 1/2 hours (including a fellowship/refreshment time). some of the topics will be:

- Leaving a Legacy
- The Power of a Praying Mother
- Celebrate Motherhood!
- Traditions
- Making Memories
- How to Avoid Burn-Out

The seminars are for mothers of all ages. Each seminar is \$10.00.  
Call 672-8720 for a complete schedule of topics.

Monday's - 10:00 AM - Aldersgates United Methodist

Monday's - 7:00 PM - Anchor Room Bookstore

\*\* Wednesday's - 10:00 AM - First Brethren Church of God  
in Huntington, IN

\*\* Wednesday's - 1:00 PM - First Christian Church

\*\* Indicates Child Care Available

# what's happening...

## NEW CLASS BEING OFFERED.....

KRIS OHNECK IS OFFERING A  
NEW CLASS BEGINNING SUNDAY,  
MAY 17th.

THE CLASS WILL MEET IN THE  
PARLOR ON SUNDAY MORNING AT  
9:30 AM FOR 1 HOUR AND AGAIN ON  
SUNDAY EVENING AT 5:30 PM UNTIL  
7:00 PM.

THE STUDY IS CALLED "FIRST WE  
MUST LISTEN". WE ENCOURAGE ALL  
TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT THIS  
STUDY.

"FIRST WE MUST LISTEN" CLASSES  
WILL LAST FOR A PERIOD OF SIX  
WEEKS.

## REMINDER

SUNDAY, MAY 17th  
ALL MEMBER  
CARRY IN  
BIRTHDAY  
LUNCHEON  
FOLLOWING  
SECOND SERVICE.

PLAN TO ATTEND  
FOR  
FUN AND  
FELLOWSHIP

!!!! NOTICE !!!!

RACHEL CIRCLE

MEETING TUESDAY,  
MAY 19th

MEETING IN LIBRARY

EVERYONE IS INVITED.



# CHILDREN SAY THE GREATEST THINGS ...

WHAT A JUBILANT CELEBRATION OF CHRIST WE EXPERIENCED DURING THE GOSPEL MASS! BECAUSE THE COMBINED CHOIRS OFFERED UP THIS SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO THE ONE TO WHOM ALL PRAISE AND HONOR IS DUE, WE WERE ABLE TO WORSHIP GOD IN A WONDERFUL NEW WAY. MONICA, THOUGH ONLY 8 YEARS OLD KNEW THIS WITHOUT BEING TOLD.

DURING A PARTICULARLY MOVING MOMENT, SHE SAID, "I SURE AM GLAD GOD AND JESUS ARE HERE TO HEAR THIS!" I WAS TOO.

TERESA HATTEN



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**8:15 AM**

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**10:45 AM**

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J. Ott, D. Schuricht

**10:45AM**

G. Baitz, J. Baitz, D. Bohlen,  
J. Bohlen, S. Brickley, G. Cole  
T. Knuckles, L. McFarland, R. Wise

**LAY READER**

**S. Knuckles**

**COMMUNION PREPERATION**

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## **from the pastor's pen....**

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One of the regrets I have regarding my ministry is the lateness of my discovery of the power and beauty of the liturgical year. My appreciation for the Christian Year as an aid to worship continues to grow. I look forward to the beginning of that journey with the coming of Advent...a season of anticipation as the promises of God to send a redeemer are rehearsed and proclaimed...the season of Christmas when the birth of Christ is heralded. All of the events surrounding Epiphany, Lent and Easter add to my understanding of God's work in Christ.

It seems appropriate that the celebration of God's presence in our midst should occur on Pentecost Sunday. This powerful, festive day in our liturgical year marks the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Church of Jesus Christ. It is a gift which could not come as long as he was physically present with us...a gift which will not leave us desolate but will equip us for the work which Christ has given us to do.

We will celebrate Pentecost during our worship this Sunday. We will use some of the great hymns of the church in our celebration and involve the congregation in the Pastoral Prayer for Pentecost. I hope each member of First Christian will make a special effort to be present for the celebration of this festive day!! As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church we claim the promise of that Spirit in our midst and commit ourselves to a more faithful witness to God's work in Christ.

I will be preaching on the theme "Pentecost: A Hearing Miracle!". Read Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2: 1-13 in preparation for worship. I look forward to greeting you in worship as we celebrate God's continuing presence in our midst!

Shalom,

Pastor Bill



## **DID YOU KNOW ?????.....**

*THAT...* The "Tidings" will only be published twice a month for the summer, with the last weekly issue being mailed on June 17th. Regular weekly mailings will resume in September.

*THAT...* ALL graduates will be recognized on  
June 7th.

Please call the church office  
before June 4th.

with names and information pertaining to all  
graduates.

*THAT...* Orda Glantzner attended her 80th. High School Class Reunion  
on May 16th. WOW!!! Orda was the only member attending for the class  
of 1918. She read two of her own poems for the 200 + people attending the  
event. (Orda will celebrate her 100th Birthday in August)

*THAT...* A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration table will be set up in  
Fellowship Hall following both worship services on May 31st and June 7th.  
(VBS begins on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 PM. ) Please register NOW !!!

*THAT...* The June meetings for the Administrative Board and the Board of  
Trustees has been changed to the second Tuesday - (June 16th.) - for this  
month only!!!

*THAT...* the Congregational Business Meeting will be Sunday, June 28th.  
from 9:30 - 10:30 AM between worship services. Please plan to attend!

*THAT...* Sunday, June 7th, begins the new Sunday School format for the  
children. Lots of fun along with learning about Jesus for the little  
ones. They will begin by gathering in the upper room for their daily  
lesson.

*Don't forget.....*  
to wear something red to Worship Service on  
Sunday, May 31st  
in celebration of  
*PENTECOST!!*

ANNOUNCEMENT

Because you have shared in their lives  
by your friendship and love  
you are invited to share  
with Carrie Melissa  
and Daniel Patrick Moll  
when they exchange marriage vows  
and begin their new life together  
on Saturday, the twentieth of June  
Nineteen hundred and ninety-eight  
at one-thirty in the afternoon  
West Street Christian Church  
132 North West Street  
Tipton, Indiana

Charles and Jeanie Cunningham  
Roger and Anne Moll

Reception following at Elk's Club  
Tipton, Indiana

Please reply by June 1, 1998

## **ELDER'S EXPRESS...about Shalom**

*"...for Jesus peace seems to have meant not the absence of struggle but the presence of love."*

**"Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC" by Frederick Buechner**

"Shalom" is a word that sounds beautiful. But do we know what its meaning is? And do we know how beautiful Shalom is when it is part of the essence of a life lived in God's presence?

"In Elders' meetings we have been having discussions inspired by Dick Hamm's book "Mainline to Front Line". In one chapter he talks about the qualities of Shalom: he sees them as justice, kindness and humility (Micah 6:8). Those words too are beautiful. but what would they look like if they were incarnated in our lives? Have we personally as individuals been as concerned about getting justice for others who are badly treated as we have about getting justice for ourselves?

Of course we must acknowledge that to

receive justice could be a bitter pill. And that is why kindness is so important. Have we been concerned that each individual in our congregation be treated with kindness in spite of their failures. Or has our major concern been that we ourselves be treated with kindness.

And what about humility? Have we talked and acted as if we ourselves have no faults? Have we caught some glimpse of our own spiritual poverty? And have we been honest before God about our sins of omission and our sins of commission?

Perhaps there is a reason that Pastor Bill signs his letters "Shalom". It is a prayer that this congregation receives the gift of Jesus to us...the embodiment of shalom in each of our lives.

Eunice Conrad



**"5th Sunday Breakfast"**

**Sunday, May 31st**

Our first "5th Sunday Breakfast" will be between  
worship services this coming Sunday.

Everyone is invited to attend for fellowship and  
good food.

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**

If you would like to help either in the planning, preparation or  
serving

please contact Anne Moll at 482-7519.

**D.M.A. NOTICE**

DMA will be meeting on the SECOND TUESDAY IN JUNE

Car pool from the church.

Meet and eat at Denny's on Lima Road

(across from Seyfert's)

at 11:45 AM

The touring the new Greek Orthodox Church on Wallen road.

Plan now to attend on the 9th of June for fellowship,  
lunch and a tour of the new church.

*WHERE TO LOOK IN THE BIBLE....  
TO FIND*

The Ten Commandments - Exd 20; Deut. 5

The Shepherd Psalm - Ps. 23

The Birth of Jesus - Matt 1, 2; Luke 2

The Beatitudes - Matt. 5:1-12

The Lord's Prayer - Matt. 6: 5—15,  
Luke 11: 1-13

The Sermon on the Mount - Matt. 5, 6, 7

The Great Commandments - Matt. 22:34-40

The Great Commission - Matt. 28: 16-20

The Parable of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10

The Parable of the Prodigal son - Luke 15

The Parable of the Sower - Matt. 13,  
Mark 4; Luke 8

The Last Judgment - Matt. 25

The Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus  
Matt. 26, 27, 28; Mark. 14, 15, 16  
Luke 22, 23, 24; John Chapters 13 to 21

The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2

Bear a grudge - Luke 6; II Cor 4; Eph. 4

Have experienced severe losses - Col. 1; I Peter 1

Have been disobedient - Isa. 6; Mark 12; Luke 5

Need forgiveness - Matt. 23; Luke 15; Philemon.

Are sick or in pain - Ps. 6, 39, 41, 67; Isa. 26

*WHEN YOU*

Feel your faith is weak - Ps. 126, 146; Heb. 11

Think God seems far away - Ps. 25, 125, 138; Luke 10.

Are leaving home - Ps. 119; Prov. 3, 4

Are planning your budget - Mark 4; Luke 19

Are becoming lax and indifferent - Matt 25; Rev. 3

Are lonely or fearful - Ps 27, 91; Luke 8; I Peter 4

Fear death - John 11, 17, 20; II Cor. 5; I John 3, Rev. 14

Have sinned - Ps. 51; Isa. 53; John 3; I John 1

Want to know the way of prayer - I Kings 8:12-61; Luke 11, 18

Want a worshipful mood - Ps 24, 84, 116; Isa 1:10-20; John 4:1-45

Are concerned with God in national life - Deut. 8; Ps. 85, 118, 124; Isa 41: 8-20  
Micah 4, 6:6-16



# what's happening...

## NOTICE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JUNE 28th  
9:30 - 10:30 AM  
BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

## NEW CLASS BEING OFFERED.....

KRIS OHNECK 'S NEW CLASS  
BEGAN ON SUNDAY, MAY 17th.

THE CLASS IS MEETING IN THE  
PARLOR ON SUNDAY MORNING AT  
9:30 AM FOR 1 HOUR AND AGAIN ON  
SUNDAY EVENING AT 5:30 PM UNTIL  
7:00 PM.

THE STUDY IS CALLED "FIRST WE  
MUST LISTEN". WE ENCOURAGE  
ALL TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT THIS  
STUDY.

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TO ATTEND THIS  
NEW CLASS.

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\$100.00. If you would like to  
have fun and support a pro-  
gram that helps put Christ in  
the lives of people who need  
him most, call Charlie Hatten,  
Jim Bushey or Ron Wise.

NEEDED FOR  
VBS

ONE FAIRLY LARGE  
TOY LAMB.

CALL  
744-9519  
EUNICE  
(HURRY !!!)

!!! HELP !!!

JASHEEN JABOORI WILL BE ON VACATION

JUNE 7 - 28

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR NURSERY DURING HER  
VACATION.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE ASAP  
IF YOU CAN HELP.

*Here am I, Lord..*

CAMP is coming.....and YOU can help "Open the Doors !!!"

Counselors are still needed!! You can Volunteer. You can nominate... *CALL* someone into this vital ministry of being CAMP COUNSELOR. Someone who:

- ~ loves children and/or youth
- ~ lives their faith
- ~ helps others along "their journey of faith"
- ~ loves fun

This is the person who could become a good Camp Counselor.

Counselors must be at lease 21. Counselors-In-Training are ages 18-20.

Counseling Assistants are ages 16 & 17.

Responsibilities are graduated in light of age, maturity. The Video "Planting Seeds" explains what it is like to be a camp counselor - featuring interviews with counselors and directors.

Counselor Application form's may be obtained from Regional Office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUNE 9 and 10, 1998

Come to a regional Domestic Violence Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana focusing on a multidisciplinary response, community awareness and system accountability in the areas of:

*Workplace ~ Clergy ~ Legal ~ Medical ~ Social services ~ Schools*

## PROTECTING HOMES, PROTECTING COMMUNITIES: Strategies for the Year 2000 and Beyond

Nationally recognized faculty include:

# Sarah Buel, J.D., Co-Director of the National  
Domestic Violence Training Institute

# Loretta Frederick, J.D., The Battered Women's Justice Project

# Travis Fritsch, M.S. domestic Violence  
Specialist

# Dean Hawley, M.D. Forensics Pathologist and  
Professor of Pathology at the  
IU School of Medicine

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Rape and Sexual Harassment.

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the YWCA - Fort Wayne and WANE: NewsChannel 15

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For information on the  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE**

contact Karen Gleave, Parkview Hospital  
(219) 484-6636 Ext. 62510

or

John Beams, Center for Nonviolence  
(219) 456-4112

**JOYS and Concerns...**

Wilbur Snook was released from the hospital - after 11 days -  
on Tuesday, May 26th and is now enjoying being at home  
and having home cooked meals once again.

Mrs John (Emma Jean) Phillips  
had surgery on her shoulder on  
Tuesday  
May 26th.

*Please remember Wilbur and Emma Jean in  
your prayers >*

**SERVING MAY 31  
Pentecost Sunday**

**ELDERS  
8:15 AM**

J. Ohneck, E. Conrad

**10:45 AM**

D. Heimann, B. Widmer

**DIACONATE & GREETERS  
8:15 AM**

M. Crouse, M. Mullen,  
J. Ott, D. Schuricht

**10:45AM**

C. Falbe, J. Franklin, L. Heimann,  
M. McDougale, O. McDougale, K. Scott,  
L. Stover, L. Vandergriff, E. Yeoman

**LAY READER  
D. Mory**

**COMMUNION PREPERATION  
MAY 24th and 31  
D. Schruicht, D Bohlen, J. Bohlen**

*Interim Minister:*  
Rev. Bill M. Riggs

*Associate Interim Minister:*  
Rev. George Bruckman

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**from the pastor's pen....**

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The Mission Imperatives adopted by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for the period of 1996-2000 reads as follows:

*We believe God's mission for the church is to be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.* The statement goes on to say that "we believe God calls us to strengthen congregational life of this mission. To accomplish this we shall:

**BECOME THE GOOD NEWS:** nurturing faith, teaching the spiritual disciplines, fostering Disciples identity, renewing congregational life.

**SHARE THE GOOD NEWS:** emphasizing ministry with children, youth, young adults and families, doing evangelism, establishing new congregations.

**SERVE FROM "OUR DOORSTEPS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH:** engaging in

outreach ministries of reconciliation, compassion, unity and justice.

I have always used the sermon months in my preaching ministry to engage in teaching sermons. For the next several weeks I will be preaching a series of sermons which picks up one important piece of the mission imperative statement i.e. "teach the spiritual disciplines". Quaker scholar Richard Foster wrote a book several years ago entitled *Celebration of Discipline* which explores the classic Christian disciplines. I will be using Foster's basic outline in this summer sermon series. It is my prayer that we will become practitioners of the disciplines and thus become a more vital, loving, forgiving, and accepting congregation. We really need to do that!

Shalom,

Pastor Bill



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FIRST Christians VERY OWN . . .

JAMES O. DAVIS GRADUATING FROM IPFW WITH  
HIGHEST DISTINCTION

MEGAN GEROFF GRADUATING FROM SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTIE GLASGOW GRADUATING FROM SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
AND GOING TO BALL STATE WITH JOSIE QUICK

KYLE KERLEY GRADUATING FROM CONCORDIA HIGH SCHOOL

DANIEL PATRICK MOLL GRADUATING FROM PURDUE WITH  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

PATRICIA MULLEN GRADUATED FROM CTS WITH A  
MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE

DAN MORY GRADUATING FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY WITH A  
BACHLOR'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

JOSIE QUICK GRADUATING FROM SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
AND GOING TO BALL STATE WITH CHRISTIE GLASGOW

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU  
ON A JOB WELL DONE  
AND THE BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE.

## CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

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During the past year 43,447 labels were saved enabling the "purchase" of playground balls, Slo-Mo ball, volleyballs, rubber basketballs, ball carrier nets, Mylec Gym street hockey goal and net, utility/sequencing balls, women's basketballs, women's synthetic leather basketball, ring hockey, soft balls, White sewing machine, Learning to Learn book, Create your own Class Newspaper book, fall, winter, spring clip art, a dictionary, science kits about dinosaurs and fossils, Smithsonian environmental test kit, and Where the Red Fern Grows Video.

These items have enriched our school classes from gym to science and English to Home Economics. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Crossroad supporter!!!!

Please bring your labels from above items to the church office where they will be collected during the entire month of June, 1998.



## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MENTIONED.....

IN THE NEWLY PUBLISHED "AN OPEN BOOK" (A PROJECTS READS NEWSLETTER, ISSUE 1, VOLUME 1) FCC WAS MENTIONED IN TWO DIFFERENT ARTICLES.

"PARTNERSHIPS AROUND FORT WAYNE"...

"STUDENTS FROM THE BISHOP LUERS KEY CLUB SIGNED ON AS VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST THE EVER-GROWING NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING READING ASSISTANCE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH " FT WAYNE.

"PROJECTS READS PARTNERSHIPS AROUND FORT WAYNE"...

"TAMMY MULLENS' CHILD, WILLIE, IS A THIRD GRADE STUDENT AT HARRISON HILL ELEMENTARY. WILLIE ATTENDS PROJECT READS TUTORING AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS. TAMMY BEGAN BY BRINGING WILLIE , BUT NOW TRANSPORTS THREE OTHER CHILDREN FROM HER NEIGHBORHOOD TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH EVERY THURSDAY. ACCORDING TO TAMMY, THE VOLUNTEERS ARE HELPING MANY CHILDREN OUT, NOT JUST HER CHILD. TAMMY HAS SEEN A LOT OF IMPROVEMENT IN WILLIE SINCE HE HAS BEEN IN THE PROGRAM AND HE ENJOYS ATTENDING FIRST CHRISTIAN. SHE HAS NOTICED THAT WILLIE IS MORE OPEN, SPEAKS AND READS MUCH BETTER AND IS NOT THE QUIET, SHY CHILD HE USED TO BE. TAMMY STATED, "WILLIE THINKS HE IS SUPPOSED TO GO EVERY DAY, HE JUST LOVES IT... THEY HAVE A GOOD PROGRAM GOING AT THEIR CHURCH!"



### GUIDES NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...

THANKS TO ALL THOSE VOLUNTEERS WHOSE NAMES ARE ON THE SIGN-UP CHART FOR VBS. OF COURSE, MORE ARE NEEDED!! AFTER REGISTRATION AND OPENING TIME TOGETHER, THERE WILL BE FOUR GROUPS OF CHILDREN THAT WILL VISIT A BIBLE STUDY, CRAFTS, REFRESHMENTS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

TWO GUIDES ARE NEEDED FOR EACH GROUP. DECIDE NOW TO COME AND ENJOY FOUR EVENINGS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, STUDY AND FUN.

IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ONE OF THE AREAS MENTIONED ABOVE, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR JUDY CHURCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP DECORATE OR SET-UP, CALL  
TERESA HATTEN.

!!!! NOTICE !!!!!

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGE REGARDING  
CUNNYNGHAM AND MOLL  
WEDDING ON SATURDAY  
JUNE 20th, 1998

### CHURCH LOCATION CHANGE

WEDDING WILL BE AT THE  
TRINITY WESLYN CHURCH  
HIGHWAY 28 WEST  
TIPTON, INDIANA  
PLEASE RESPOND BY JUNE 4th.

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THIS AUGUST ORDA GLENTZER WILL CELEBRATE HER  
100th BIRTHDAY.

SHE RECENTLY ATTENDED HER 80th HIGH SCHOOL REUNION, HAVING GRADUATED IN 1918. SHE WAS THE ONLY ATTENDEE REPRESENTING THAT YEAR. WHEN ASKED TO SAY A FEW WORDS SHE RECITED TWO POEMS THAT SHE HAD WRITTEN - AT A YOUNGER AGE - 98 YEARS YOUNG TO BE EXACT.

WHILE RECITING HER POEMS FOR HER AUDIENCE SHE NEVER FALTERED, HESITATED OR FORGOT ANY OF THE WORDS. WHAT A REMARKABLE FEAT.

ORDA HAD NOT WRITTEN POEMS PRIOR TO THESE, BUT THEY CAME TO MIND ONE DAY ABOUT BREAKFAST TIME AND SHE WANTED THEM WRITTEN DOWN WHILE THEY WERE FRESH IN HER MIND....

“ODE TO THE PIONEER ICE CREAM COMPANY”

Our boss Harry was so ambitious,  
He also had a dream.

He bought a lot of milk and made  
some good ice cream.

Now this required a lot of work,  
so he hired a group of men.

Like most business places  
he needed seven women.

Business started booming,  
so he bought three big trucks.

Nearly every morning three men came in early  
and soon had them loaded up.

Then they started traveling, they went far and near.

People everywhere kept looking  
for the trucks named Pioneer.

Many years have come and gone,  
but the memories we hold are dear.

I think everyone enjoyed working at Pioneer.

**“GROWING OLD”**

I have often wondered  
why i have lived so long.  
Most all my old friends  
have come and gone.  
So guess I'll keep on living until  
I earn my golden crown.

This is a wide and wonderful world,  
There is a lot that we can do,  
so keep on helping others,  
and God will take care of you.

There are many cemeteries  
but Gravel Hill seems the best  
This is the place I will be taken  
And here I will be laid at rest.

Poems written by  
Orda Dawn Glentzer  
Age 98 years young  
and shared with her  
permission.

Thank you Orda. God has truly blessed you.



# what's happening...

## NOTICE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JUNE 28th  
9:30 - 10:30 AM  
BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

## ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS WILL BE  
DOING A SERIES CALLED  
"WISDOM FOR LIVING"  
BASED ON THE WISDOM LITERATURE  
IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR  
SUMMER,

9:30 - 10:30 AM  
EACH SUNDAY BEGINNING  
ON

?????

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## CHILD CARE

CHILD CARE WILL BE  
PROVIDED FOR  
INFANTS THRU  
2 YEAR OLDS  
FOR VBS WORKERS.

!!! HELP !!! HELP !!! HELP !!!

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#### SUMMER CAMP

APPLICATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CAMP.  
PLEASE CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE OR STOP BY AND PICK  
ONE UP.

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new Greek Orthodox Church on Wallen road.  
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FROM BRIAN...

As this was my last Sunday as Music Director, I wanted to write a few words to express my appreciation for all of those who have given so much to the music ministry at First Christian and to reflect a bit. Those of you who played in the Carillon and sang in the Chancel Choir and Chamber Singers truly have given this church, me and our heavenly Father a part of yourselves. It is such a beautiful way to glorify God for He truly has given us all a glimpse of His perfection through the gift of music. Whenever we give that gift back to Him in worship it truly magnifies His glory. I thank you, and am very proud of the level of performance we have maintained throughout my tenure here. It is a testament to all of you and the fact that you withstood my incessant urging on.

I am also very proud of the range of music that has been presented in all of our services. We have had classical string quartet, brass quintet, an outdoor jazz service, a full out contemporary worship band (including drums) a wonderful performance of the Gospel Mass, haunting arrangements for special events such as Easter morning, and traditional choir and carillon repertoire. We have maintained two distinctly different worship services for three years - a traditional as well as a blended worship service. I know that many have been blessed by our efforts to offer a variety of worship experiences and I am proud of what we have achieved in all of these areas.

I truly desire the best for this congregation. I know that there has been conflict, but there have been great strides made toward making the person who walks through our doors feel that "There is a place for you at First" as our ad in the newspaper says. I pray that this remains a priority for all the Saints of First Christian Church.

Good luck and God Bless.

Your Brother in Christ,

Brian Prechtl



Did you know???...



**THAT.....DURING THE MONTH OF MAY THAT THE FOOD  
BANK SERVED 29 FAMILIES - A TOTAL OF  
134 PEOPLE - EQUALS 2,010 MEALS**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE**

**DR. JAY SOUTHWICK WILL BE LEADING THE ADULT CLASS DURING VBS 1998 BEGINNING JUNE 9th THRU THE 12th, 6:30 PM TO 8:45 PM. DR. SOUTHWICK IS AN ORDAINED DISCIPLES MINISTER AND ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION AT BUTLER UNIVERSITY.**

**CURRENTLY, DR. SOUTHWICK ALSO TEACHES FOR THE DENVER CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR ADULTS, SPONSORED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS. DR. SOUTHWICK IS THE AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS, ONE OF WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED THIS YEAR, "GOD CALLS A PEOPLE TO FAITHFUL LIVING" (13 WEEK ADULT CURRICULUM) FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA). DR. SOUTHWICK IS AN AVID FICTION READER, ENJOYS WORKING IN HER YARD AND IS CARETAKER FOR TWO DOGS AND A CAT. ASK HER WHAT THEIR NAMES ARE!!**

***BRING A CHILD AND ATTEND A STIMULATING EVENING OF***

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**SERVING JUNE 7**

**ELDERS**

**8:15 AM**

A. MOLL, J. OHNECK

**10:45 AM**

C. HATTEN, J. MEY

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

**8:15 AM**

J. ARNOLD, M. BIER,  
C. DAVIS, D. KEEBORTZ

**LAY READER**

K. MOLL

**10:45AM**

G. BAITZ, J. BAITZ, D. BOHLEN  
J. BOHLEN, S. BRICKLEY, G. COLE,  
T. KNUCKLES, L. McFARLAND  
R. WISE

**COMMUNION PREPERATION**

**JUNE 7 and 14**

C. DAVIS, L. VANDERGRIF, F,  
L. McFARLAND

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

D. HEIMANN, M. CROUSE, A. MOLL  
D. BOHLEN, B. BIER, J. BOHLEN,  
J. McGREW, S, BRICKLEY

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CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**  
*(Disciples of Christ)*

# *Cidings*

JUNE 10, 1998  
VOLUME 55, No. 22

**from the pastor's pen....**

Last Sunday we started a summer long sermon series, exploring what has been called the Spiritual Disciplines. I hope our journey will not be confined to a mere exploration of the "ideas" of spiritual discipline but will take the additional step of becoming a laboratory where we begin to practice the disciplines with some degree of seriousness.

General Minister and President Richard Hamm, no stranger to this congregation, in his address to the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1996 identified three primary objectives toward which he felt the church should move during the closing years of the 20th century. Among these was his summons to the church to build its "spiritual fitness" with a consistent regimen of prayer, bible study, stewardship and the study of disciples heritage and tradition. He gave emphasis to these priorities with his statement that first "we must recognize our spiritual need."

Over the next several weeks we will be considering the classic spiritual disciplines and suggest ways we can not only increase our understanding of the disciplines, but more importantly, engage in the practice of those disciplines which will, in fact enrich our spiritual life.

Last Sunday I preached on the corporate discipline of worship. This Sunday I will be looking at one of what Richard Foster in his book, "Celebration of Discipline" calls an inner discipline. We will focus our thoughts on the discipline of meditation as we consider both the pattern and the purpose of meditation in our spiritual journey.



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I hope you will make a special effort to be present for the corporate worship of God and will begin the journey of a more disciplines life of meditation. I look forward to greeting you in worship as we continue our journey into this area of thought for the summer months.

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

did you know???...

THAT.....Art & Marge Thomas have a new address?

7719 Bradbury Avenue  
Fort Wayne IN 46809

THAT.....Pastor Riggs will be on vacation - fishing in Canada - from june19th  
until June 26th. (Fishing? or Catching?)

| <u>DATE: JUNE 7, 1998</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>BUDGET<br/>NEEDS</u> | <u>ACTUAL<br/>GIVING</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| SUNDAY SCHOOL             | 28                | \$ 3,523.88             | \$ 4,746.00              |
| WORSHIP                   | 153               | \$ 81,049.24            | \$ 70,755.51             |
| YEAR - TO - DATE          | 151               |                         |                          |

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During the past year 43,447 labels were saved enabling the "purchase" of playground balls, Slo-Mo ball, volleyballs, rubber basketballs, ball carrier nets, Mylec Gym street hockey goal and net, utility/sequencing balls, women's basketballs, women's synthetic leather basketball, ring hockey, soft balls, White sewing machine, Learning to Learn book, Create your own Class Newspaper book, fall, winter, spring clip art, a dictionary, science kits about dinosaurs and fossils, Smithsonian environmental test kit, and Where the Red Fern Grows Video.

These items have enriched our school classes from gym to science and English to Home Economics. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Crossroad supporter!!!!

Please bring your labels from above items to the church office where they will be collected during the entire month of June, 1998.

what's happening...

RACHAEL GROUP

MEETING IN THE

CHURCH LIBRARY

JUNE 16th, AT 9:30 AM

ADULT SUMMER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS WILL BE  
DOING A SERIES CALLED  
"WISDOM FOR LIVING"  
BASED ON THE WISDOM LITERATURE  
IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR  
SUMMER,

9:30 - 10:30 AM  
EACH SUNDAY

The 5th Annual One  
Church -

One Offender Golf Outing  
will be held on

Thursday, June 18  
at

Fairview Gold Course.

The cost is \$40.00 per  
player and includes greens  
fees, cart, lunch and  
door prizes.

Hole sponsorships are  
available for \$100.00. If  
you would like to have fun  
and support a program that  
helps put Christ in the lives  
of people who need him  
most, call Charlie Hatten,  
Jim Bushey or Ron Wise.



!!! MEETINGS !!!

ADMINISTRATIVE  
JUNE 16th  
6:30 PM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JUNE 16th  
7:30 PM

!!! MEETING !!!  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JUNE 28th  
9:30 - 10:30 AM  
BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

PLEASE PLAN NOW  
TO ATTEND

!!! HELP !!!

THE SEWING GROUP IS IN NEED OF  
CLEAN USED SHEETS.  
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BUT DO NEED TO BE USABLE.

PLEASE DROP YOUR CLEAN, USED SHEETS  
OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE ASAP!!

SUMMER CAMP

APPLICATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CAMP.  
PLEASE CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE OR STOP BY AND PICK  
ONE UP.

***elder's express.....*****about Stewardship of Interest?**

We as members of this congregation speak many times of various forms of Stewardship. This often includes time, talent and treasure. We are suggesting that as individuals, functional committees, or at specific functions, we become stewards of our building and it's facilities. As you may know, Sandy Fryback has recently been hired as our new Sexton. Her work has been outstanding and complete in every way. She recently has washed every pew in the Sanctuary. How can we help her? We need to review all areas in the church and our activities. We can help by reacquainting ourselves with some building policies.

1. **ECONOMY** - Lights should be turned out when a room is vacated. Windows should be closed and locked when leaving the room. Heating and cooling zones must be maintained.

2. **NEATNESS** - All need to help keep the building in order and attractive. Picking up and straightening out should be done by groups after meetings. Needless litter and mess ought to be avoided. Liquids and ice should be emptied from disposable cups before placing them in waste receptacles. Garbage should be disposed of in the garbage disposal in the kitchen.

Persons are asked not to wander through the building away from their meeting area (includes children).

3. **SECURITY** - Other than during office hours or Sunday services, care must be taken concerning security. windows are to be closed and locked whenever leaving a room. All doors are to be checked and locked when leaving the building. Be sure that doors are pushed tightly so that locks engage.

First Christian Church's building, equipment and spacious grounds represent the contribution of the members and friends of our congregation for more than one hundred years. According to the Scripture "It is the house of God".

Our concern is to honor God and to serve the needs of community and persons. Religious, character-building, humanitarian, social assistance, and civic programs are welcome to use our facilities. Contact should be made through the Senior Pastor or Moderator of the Board.

George Bruckman



!!! NOTICE !!!!!

HELP WANTED/NEEDED

DUE TO THE UPCOMING RETIREMENT OF  
JEWEL BYRKET FROM  
THE "TIDINGS" ASSEMBLY TEAM  
WE ARE IN NEED OF AN  
ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBER.

THE "JOB" REQUIRES READING,  
SORTING, STAPLING AND  
SOCIALIZING ABILITIES.  
(Socializing is the most  
important requirement)

THE HOURS ARE  
WEDNESDAY  
7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM

DURING THE SUMMER  
THE LAST WEEKLY ISSUE WILL BE JUNE 17th. THE  
TIDINGS WILL ONLY BE SENT OUR EVERY OTHER WEEK  
UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL STARTS IN THE FALL.

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER,  
OR EVEN JUST GIVING IT A TRY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH  
OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

THANK YOU.



JUNE 10, 1998

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**SERVING JUNE 14**

**ELDERS**

**8:15 AM**

S. Hayes, K. Ohneck

**10:45 AM**

B. Franklin, J. Church

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

**8:15 AM**

M. Crouse, M. Mullen,  
J. Ott, D. Schuricht

**LAY READER**

B. Bier

**10:45 AM**

S. Brey, L. Brey, L. Deck, C. Deck,  
E. Gorman, H. Mathis, E., Rieke  
L. McFarland, M. McFarland

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

JUNE 7 and 14

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L. McFarland

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# *Tidings*

JUNE 17, 1998  
VOLUME 55, No. 23

## **from the pastor's pen....**

I seriously considered writing the shortest "Pastor's Pen" in my memory by printing a small sign which simply read "GONE FISHING". I will be leaving early Friday morning for Canada with a group of men from First Christian Church in Marion. I served an 8-month interim with that congregation in 1992 and joined the group for a fishing expedition. I look forward to renewing old friendships and perhaps will be lucky enough to land the "big one". My journey may not do serious damage to the Wall-eye population of Canada, but it has certainly been a boost in the economy for those who make lures!

The sermon series on the Christian Disciplines will continue as Kris Ohneck brings the sermon on the Discipline of simplicity at both services. We will sing the old Shaker song "Tis a Gift to Be Simple" as a part of our worship experience. I hope you will make a special effort to be present for the worship of God as Kris shares her faith with us during this worship time.

I will be in the pulpit on the 28th (probably a bit bleary eyed from a long drive back from Canada). I will be preaching on the Discipline of Submission as we gather for worship that day. I look forward to greeting you and hope you will be kind enough to ask about the "big one" that got away.

Shalom,  
Pastor Bill

JUNE 17, 1998

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IN HONOR OF FATHERS DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 21st

"THE KIND OF DAD I'D BUY"

IF I WENT SHOPPING FOR A DAD,  
HERE IS WHAT I'D BUY:  
ONE WHO WOULD ALWAYS STOP  
TO ANSWER A LITTLE BOY'S "WHY?"  
ONE WHO WOULD ALWAYS SPEAK KINDLY  
TO A LITTLE GIRL OR BOY,  
ONE WHO WOULD GIVE TO OTHERS  
A BIT OF SUNSHINE AND JOY.  
I'D PICK A DAD THAT FOLLOWED  
THE BIBLE'S GOLDEN RULE,  
AND ONE WHO WENT REGULARLY  
TO CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.  
I'D BUY THE VERY FINEST DAD  
TO PLACE ON OUR FAMILY TREE,  
AND THEN I'D TRY TO LIVE LIKE HIM  
SO HE WOULD BE PROUD OF ME.

Helen Kitchell Evans

D. M. A. - JULY 7th, 1998

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But, BE ON TIME!! Tour starts at 1PM.

CARPOOL FROM CHURCH AND FROM THE RESTAURANT



## CONCERNS...

THE CHURCH OFFICE RECEIVED A CALL TODAY REGARDING RUBY MOWERY. RUBY AND HER BROTHER, DARRELL UNDERHILL. WERE IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT ON SUNDAY, THE 14th. THEY WERE STOPPED WAITING TO TURN LEFT WHEN THEY WERE HIT FROM BEHIND BY A SEMI TRAVELING APPROXIMATELY 50-55 MPH.

RUBY HAS BROKEN RIBS AND A CONCUSSION WITH STITCHES AND DARRELL (AT TIME OF REPORT ON MONDAY) IN ICU - BOTH AT LUTHERAN. RUBY'S ROOM NUMBER IS 203 AND DARRELL'S IS ICU 252.

PLEASE REMEMBER THEM BOTH IN YOUR PRAYERS .

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| Vlasic Peppers, Pickle Relish and Sauerkraut.                             |                                        |              |

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what's happening...

F.Y.I.

JUNE 17th (This Issue) OF THE "TIDINGS" WILL BE  
THE LAST WEEKLY PUBLICATION UNTIL  
SCHOOL STARTS IN THE FALL.

*IF YOU HAVE ARTICLES, OR INFORMATION  
THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE PRINTED, PLEASE  
KEEP THE ABOVE SCHEDULE IN MIND.*

NEXT ISSUE WILL BE JULY 1, 1998

DEADLINE WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 29th.

ADULT SUMMER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL

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EACH SUNDAY

"TIDINGS"  
SUMMER SCHEDULE

JULY 1  
JULY 15  
JULY 29  
AUGUST 12  
AUGUST 26  
SEPTEMBER 9

DEADLINE FOR EACH  
WEDNESDAY PRINTING  
IS THE PREVIOUS  
MONDAY.

NEW ADDRESS  
FOR MARGE OHR

2612A CLOVER LANE  
BEDFORD IN  
47421

!!! MEETING !!!  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
JUNE 28th  
9:30 - 10:30 AM  
BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

PLEASE PLAN NOW  
TO ATTEND

DATE CHANGE

WEIGHT WATCHERS  
WILL BE REMOVING THEIR THURSDAY  
AM MEETING AND REPLACING  
IT WITH A WEDNESDAY AM  
MEETING.

LAST THURSDAY AM JULY 23  
FIRST WEDNESDAY AM JULY 29

SAME TIME

F.Y.I.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING A PARTY  
DAVE "THE JUGGLER" WILKINS  
IS AVAILABLE.  
DAVE ENTERTAINED THE CHILDREN  
AND ADULTS AT VBS - 1998.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE.

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## YOU WERE A BLESSING...

If you attended Vacation Bible School as a learner, as a helper, as a teacher or even as a curiosity seeker YOU WERE A BLESSING! It would be very difficult to say how many were children and how many were adults because there were adults who behaved like children (or should we say clowns) and there were children who behaved like adults (we won't name names).

Pastor Riggs very graciously substituted for Dr. Jay Southwick who had to cancel because of a vicious virus. The Youth Group, under the direction of Eunice Conrad and Rosie Drull and Rick Evans, presented the Gospel Under the Big Top through mime, drama and puppets. Linda Deck guided the pre-school children through stories of the Old Testament, Lori Vandergriff created great stuff in the Craft and Critters area. Sue Brey kept the kids active outside when weather permitted and inside when it did not. Refreshments and entertainment were provided by Ann Moll and crew at the Gospel Concessions. Ringmaster Bob Bier, Animal Trainer Teresa Hatten, Big Top Musicians Brian Precht and Lori Crouter opened and closed our evenings with fun, music, clowns as guides, a time of offering prayer and money for missions.

There were others who performed necessary tasks such as Evelyn Yeoman - registration; the Moll family newsletter; Pat Barnes - child care; Ron Wise - publicity and those who contributed but could not

attend. All of you were a blessing to each other, to the many who attended from the community, and to the body of Christ a.k.a First Christian church. Your good works will not go unnoticed!

In addition to those mentioned above, the following people helped make Vacation Bible School a great week: Melissa Brey, Miles Wilson, Joel Wilson, Jenica Wilson, Katy Moll, Dan Moll, Roger Moll, Emily Evans, Andy Evans, Rachel Green, Dawn Holmes, Betty Adams, Delores Adams, Peggy Adams, Laura McFarland, Robin Evans, Margaret Precht, Larry Brey, Sara Brey, Marty Bier, Kris Ohneck, Marlo Quick, Shari Grier, Laura Kantz, Tammy Deck, Amanda, Judy Mey, Leslie, Holly and last but not least the Guides as Clowns Dick Mey, Donna and Leo Heimann, Estel Vandergriff, Charlie Hatten and Ralph and Judy Church.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!

Christian Education Committee

#### FOLLOWING GOD TO VBS

My dishes went unwashed today,  
I didn't make the bed;  
I took God's hand and followed him to  
VBS instead.

Oh, yes, we went adventuring  
The children and I;  
Exploring the whole Bible  
For truths we can't deny.

My house was sure neglected,  
I didn't sweep the stair,  
In twenty years no one on earth  
Will know or even care.

But that I've helped a boy or girl  
to noble adulthood grow,  
In twenty years the whole wide world  
May look, and see and know.

Author Unknown

# SUMMER BASKETBALL and VOLLEYBALL

IT IS TIME AGAIN  
THE SUN IS SHINING  
THE BIRDS ARE CHIRPING AND  
THE KIDS HAVE NOTHING TO DO

IF YOUR CHILD HAS NEED OF SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE  
TO DO THEY CAN ATTEND THE ANNUAL  
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

DATES  
BEGINNING TUESDAY, JUNE 23rd  
AND THEN THURSDAY, JUNE 25th  
THEN  
EACH TUESDAY AND THURSDAY  
FROM 6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM  
THRU JULY 30, 1998

MIDDLES SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY COME TO  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
AND PLAY BASKET BALL OR VOLLEY BALL AND AT HALF TIME WE  
WILL SPEND TIME LEARNING ABOUT THEMSELVES AND GOD.

IF YOU KNOW ANY CHILDREN THAT FIT THIS DESCRIPTION TELL  
THEM ABOUT THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM CONTINUED.....

ALL ACTIVITIES AND REFRESHMENTS ARE A GIFT  
FROM  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

EACH CHILD WILL BE REGISTERED.

!!! ALL ARE INVITED !!!

PLEASE CALL CHURCH OFFICE  
TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES.  
(744-3239)



REMEMBER OUR  
HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS  
OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES ARE:

THE ARBORS 2827 Northgate Blvd., 46835  
Freda Flaugh, Room 301

COURTLAND HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER, 3555 Spy Run Ext. , 46805  
Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

KINGSTON RESIDENCE, 7515 Winchester Road, 46819  
Don & Valetta Parlette, Room 410

LUTHERAN HOME 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816  
Sara Smith, Room C356

MARINER HEALTH CARE CENTER, 4430 Elsdale Drive, 46835  
Bernice Montgomery, Room 301

OSSIAN HEALTH CARE, 215 Davis Road, Ossian IN 46777  
Dorothy Green, Room 301A

RIVERBEND, 7519 Winchester Road, 46819  
Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

RENAISSANCE VILLAGE, 650 S. 800 E-92, 46804  
Kathlyn Banet, Room 218

ST. ANNE'S NURSING HOME, 1900 Randalia Drive, 46805  
Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-b

TOWNHOUSE HEALTH CENTER, 2209 St. Joe Center Road, 46825  
Lola Miller, Room 201

AT HOME:

|                                              |                                       |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>Jack &amp; Emma Phillips,</u>             | <u>1737 Godfrey Road, 46819</u>       |
| <u>Lila Russell,</u>                         | <u>3936 Irene Court, 46808</u>        |
| <u>Coleen Wilcoxson &amp; Orda Glentzer,</u> | <u>746 Candlelite Court, 46807</u>    |
| <u>Charles Wrisk,</u>                        | <u>259 E. Sherwood Terrace, 46807</u> |
| <u>Andy Cook,</u>                            | <u>11335 Gongwer Drive, 46845</u>     |
| <u>Lucille Branstrator,</u>                  | <u>9721 Coverdale Road, 46809</u>     |

CONCERN...

PLEASE REMEMBER JAFSHEEN JABOORI WHILE SHE IS AWAY. SHE AND HER FAMILY ARE VISITING HER PARENTS. SHE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY THREE YEARS AGO TO VISIT WITH HER MOTHER. BUT SHE HAS NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO SEE HER FATHER AND BROTHER FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS.

HER FAMILY LIVES IN THE COUNTRY THAT BORDERS WITH IRAQ AND TURKEY. THIS MAKES TRAVEL INTO CURDES ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY MALE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

JAFSHEEN AND ALL OF HER FAMILY WILL BE UNDER SURVEILANCE CONSTANTLY.

|                            |                   | BUDGET       | ACTUAL       |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                            |                   | NEEDS        | GIVING       |
| <u>DATE: JUNE 14, 1998</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |              |              |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL              | 37                | \$ 3,523.88  | \$ 1,836.97  |
| WORSHIP                    | 131               | \$ 84,573.12 | \$ 72,590.48 |
| YEAR - TO - DATE           | 151               |              |              |



**SERVING JUNE 21  
FATHER'S DAY  
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER**

**ELDERS**

**8:15 AM**

E. Conrad, K. Cron

**10:45 AM**

C. McGrew, D. Heimann

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

**8:15 AM**

J. Arnold, M. Bier, C. Davis,  
D. Keebortz

**LAY READER**

M. Bier

**10:45AM**

C. Falbe, J. Franklin, L. Heimann,  
M. McDoughle, O. McDougale,  
K. Scott, L. Stover,  
L. Vandergriff, E. Yeoman

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

June 21 and 28

C. Davis, E. Gorman, G. cole

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# *Cidings*

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**from the pastor's pen....**

I AM HAPPY TO BE BACK IN FORT WAYNE FOLLOWING MY EXCURSION TO THE NORTH WOODS OF ONTARIO. THE FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD WERE WONDERFUL, BUT THE FISHING WAS JUST SO-SO. I NOTICED A SIGN IN THE LODGE WHICH PROBABLY DESCRIBES THOSE OF US WHO ENJOY THE SPORT OF FISHING. IT DESCRIBED A FISHERMAN AS "A JERK ON ONE END OF A LINE WAITING FOR A JERK ON THE OTHER END." HOWEVER YOU DESCRIBE IT, IT IS GOOD TO BE IN THE FABULOUS WORLD WHICH GOD HAS CREATED AND ENJOY IT TO ITS FULLEST.

THESE ARE EXCITING DAYS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. THE REPORT ON THE VISIT BY THE CANDIDATE AND HIS WIFE FOR THE POSITION OF SENIOR MINISTER AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WAS VERY POSITIVE. THE UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE CONGREGATION TO EXTEND THE CALL TO MINISTRY WAS ALSO VERY POSITIVE. THE NEW MINISTER WILL BE STARTING HIS MINISTRY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN ABOUT MID-SEPTEMBER. THAT MEANS MY DAYS WITH YOU AS INTERIM ARE NUMBERED, BUT THAT IS THE NATURE OF INTERIM MINISTRY. I HOPE WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS SOME ISSUES WHICH NEED WORK AND WILL HAVE SOME PLANNED PROGRAMS IN PLACE THROUGH THE END OF THIS YEAR BEFORE I LEAVE.

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*PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED. . .*

THAT IS ALWAYS HELPFUL TO A NEW PASTOR WHO IS BUSY GETTING SETTLED IN AND LEARNING THE LANDSCAPES OF LIFE WHICH CONSTITUTE A NEW CONGREGATION.

WE WILL CONTINUE THE SERMON SERIES ON THE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU THEN.

SHALOM,

PASTOR BILL

D. M. A. - JULY 7th, 1998

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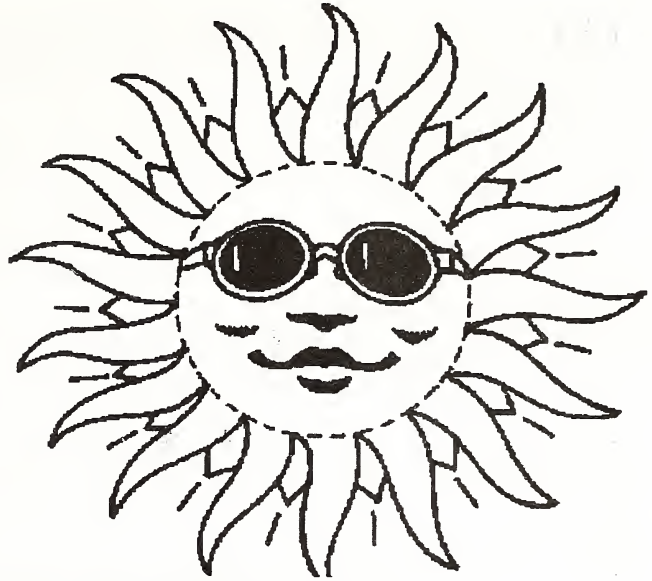
This will be a great opportunity to see how their fabulous products are made.  
But, BE ON TIME!! Tour starts at 1PM.

CARPOOL FROM CHURCH AND FROM THE RESTAURANT



HELLO...

MY NAME IS  
SANDRA (SANDI) FRYBACK  
AND I AM THE  
"NEW KID ON THE BLOCK"  
AT  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.



I WAS BORN AND RAISED RIGHT HERE IN FORT WAYNE.

ON SEPTEMBER 9th, MY HUSBAND AND I WILL  
CELEBRATE OUR 30th ANNIVERSARY. WE HAVE FOUR  
CHILDREN, 3 BOYS AND 1 GIRL, AND 13 GRANDCHILDREN.

BEFORE COMING TO FCC I WORKED AT LINCOLN  
NATIONAL LIFE FOR 15 YEARS AND AT ANTHONY WAYNE  
SERVICES FOR 2 YEARS (PART TIME).

MY JOB HERE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN IS GREAT, AND I ENJOY  
WORKING HERE VERY MUCH.

PLEASE STOP BY AND SAY HELLO. I ENJOY MEETING THE MEM-  
BERS OF FCC.

REGARDS,

Sandi  
Sexton

# WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

YOUTH PLANNING TO ATTEND  
BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP  
THIS SUMMER WILL BE  
RECOGNIZED ON JULY 12, 1998  
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE  
10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

## ANNOUNCEMENT

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3rd.

PLEASE EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE and  
HEALTHY HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

### DATE CHANGE

WEIGHT WATCHERS  
WILL BE REMOVING THEIR THURSDAY  
AM MEETING AND REPLACING  
IT WITH A WEDNESDAY AM  
MEETING.

LAST THURSDAY AM JULY 23  
FIRST WEDNESDAY AM JULY 29

SAME TIME

### "TIDINGS" SUMMER SCHEDULE

JULY 15  
JULY 29  
AUGUST 12  
AUGUST 26  
SEPTEMBER 9

DEADLINE FOR EACH  
WEDNESDAY PRINTING  
IS THE PREVIOUS  
MONDAY.

A Prayer for the Fourth

May freedom be seen, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to please to do what is right. May it ever be understood that our liberty is under God and can be found nowhere else.

May our faith be something that is now merely stamped upon our coins, but expressed in our lives...To the extent that America honors thee, wilt thou bless America, and keep her true as thou hast kept her free, and make her good as thou has made her rich. AMEN.

*From The Prayers of Peter Marshall in the US Senate*

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD THROUGH THE 5th GRADE WILL BE GOING TO FOSTER PARK SUNDAY, JULY 12, 1998.

PLEASE MEET IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT PROMPTLY AT 9:30 AM.  
WE WILL BE RETURNING AT 10:30 AM.

WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING.

WHOOPS YOU MISSED IT.....

WE HAD A GREAT DINNER AND VISIT WITH POTENTIAL NEW PASTOR AND HIS WIFE ON FRIDAY THE 26th. THE ATTENDANCE FOR OUR DINNER WAS 75 +.

GREAT FRIED CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD, TOSSED SALAD AND SOME WONDERFUL DESSERTS WERE ENJOYED BY ALL PRESENT.

SORRY YOU WERE NOT THERE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND GET ACQUAINTED . YOU MISSED A GOOD TIME!



# CONCERNS

## UPDATES.....

RUBY MOWERY IS PROGRESSING VERY WELL AT LUTHERAN HOSPITAL. SHE EXPECTS TO GO TO THE REHAB AREA AT THE HOSPITAL UNTIL SHE FEELS WELL ENOUGH TO BE AT HOME.

RUTH TRUESDALE IS IN LUTHERAN FOR OBSERVATION AND MEDICATION BALANCE. SHE EXPECTS TO MOVE TO COVINGTON COMMONS WHEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

CHARLES HATTEN's FATHER, LEONARD AGE 70, HAD A STROKE HE HAS SOME PARALYSIS HE IS IN THE HOSPITAL IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF OUR FRIENDS  
IN YOUR PRAYERS.

### SERVING JULY 12th

#### 8:15 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

ELDERS: S. HAYES, B. BIER

DIACONATE/GREETERS

M. CROUSE, J. OTT, T. KNUCKLES, R. MOLL

LAY READER: K. MOLL

SPECIAL MUSIC: B. BIER

COMMUNION PREPARATION:

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#### 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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G. BAITZ, J. BAITZ, J. BOHLEN

D. BOHLEN, L. CROUTER

## *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

DON and VALETTA PARLETTE WILL CELEBRATE  
THEIR  
50th  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON MONDAY, JULY 6th.

PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS  
AND BY SENDING THEM A CARD.  
THEIR ADDRESS IS:

KINGSTON RESIDENCE  
7515 WINCHESTER ROAD  
ROOM No. 410  
FT. WAYNE IN 46819

## VBS UPDATE

THE CHILDREN ATTENDING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEARNED ABOUT  
SERVING OTHERS WHILE LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S GRACE AND ALSO HAD  
SOME FUN.

THE OFFERING FOR THE WEEK WAS \$158.12, AND THAT AMOUNT WILL BE  
MATCHED BY THE OUTREACH AND SERVICE COMMITTEE.

THIS MONEY WILL GO TOWARD BUILDING A PLAYGROUND FOR ST. MARK'S  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHELFORD (NEAR TYRONZA) ARKANSAS.

THE CHILDREN ALSO DECORATED AND FILLED LUNCH SACKS FOR  
ALL PEOPLES CHRISTIAN CENTER'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IN  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

GOOD JOB EVERYONE!!!!!!

# SUMMER BASKETBALL and VOLLEYBALL

IT IS TIME AGAIN  
THE SUN IS SHINING  
THE BIRDS ARE CHIRPING AND  
THE KIDS HAVE NOTHING TO DO

IF YOUR CHILD HAS NEED OF SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE  
TO DO THEY CAN ATTEND THE ANNUAL  
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

DATES  
BEGINNING TUESDAY, JUNE 23rd  
AND THEN THURSDAY, JUNE 25th  
THEN  
EACH TUESDAY AND THURSDAY  
FROM 6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM  
THRU JULY 30, 1998

MIDDLES SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY COME TO  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
AND PLAY BASKET BALL OR VOLLEY BALL AND AT HALF TIME WE  
WILL SPEND TIME LEARNING ABOUT THEMSELVES AND GOD.

IF YOU KNOW ANY CHILDREN THAT FIT THIS DESCRIPTION TELL  
THEM ABOUT THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM.

Continued



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM CONTINUED.....

ALL ACTIVITIES AND REFRESHMENTS ARE A GIFT  
FROM  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

EACH CHILD WILL BE REGISTERED.

!!! ALL ARE INVITED !!!

PLEASE CALL CHURCH OFFICE  
TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES.  
(744-3239)

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## OTHERS

Lord help me live from day to day  
And when my work on earth is done  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray,  
My prayer shall be for - OTHERS.

Help me in all the work I do  
To ever be sincere and true  
And know that all I'd do for you  
Must needs be done for - OTHERS

Let "self" be crucified and slain.  
And buried deep and all in vain  
May efforts be to rise again  
Unless to live for - OTHERS

And my new work in heaven's begun  
May I forget the crown I've worn  
While thinking still of - OTHERS.

Others, Lord, yes, others,  
Let this my motto be,  
Help me to live for OTHERS  
That I may live like THEE.

Charles D. Meigs.

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## IMPORTANT . . . . .

We are approaching the time in our church year when we need to begin thinking about our programs for the upcoming year (1999), and what we believe First Christian needs to accomplish.

One example is we have often set our "Dollars for Missions" program as a percentage of giving of our operating budget. This year let us set our "Dollars for Missions" on a need of specific programs. Our mission work begins at our door step.

On July 19, 1998, we will have a major planning session for year 1999. The intention is to provide a complete calendar of objectives and dates for each responsible ministry.

We would ask that you provide some input to this program and provide us with your thoughts as to what and where you would like to see us pursue.

G. Bruckman

| <u>DATE: JUNE 28, 1998</u> |     | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
|----------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------|
| <u>ATTENDANCE</u>          |     | <u>NEEDS</u>  | <u>GIVING</u> |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL              | 37  | \$ 3,523.88   | \$ 1,836.97   |
| WORSHIP                    | 131 | \$ 84,573.12  | \$ 72,590.48  |
| YEAR - TO - DATE           | 151 |               |               |



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**SERVING JULY 5**

**ELDERS**

**8:15 AM**

E. CONRAD, K. OHNECK

**10:45 AM**

J. CHURCH, C. HATTEN

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

**8:15 AM**

J. ARNOLD, M. BIER,  
D. KEEBORTZ, G. BROWN

**LAY READER**

D. MORY

**10:45 AM**

R. STOVER, L. STOVER,  
G. COLE, J. FRANKLIN,  
C. FALBE, L. VANDERGRIF, F,  
C. DECK, C. DECK

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

J. ARNOLD, C. DECK, L. DECK

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

**JULY 5**

K. OHNECK, G. BAITZ, B. BIER,  
J. BAITZ, R. CHURCH,  
L. DECK, K. CRON, M. BIER

*Interim Senior Minister:*

Bill M. Riggs

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# *Tidings*

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**from the pastor's pen....**

The Psalmist declared how good and pleasant it is when God's people dwell together in unity. The flip side of that affirmation is equally true, i.e. how unpleasant it is when God's people dwell together in a state of disharmony. Across the years a pastor develops a "sense" or feeling that cannot be scientifically analyzed regarding the state of God's people as they gather for worship and discover and employ their gifts for God's glory. This past Sunday "felt" good to this pastor. It is amazing what a Sunday of good attendance does to the body of the church. The singing is joyous, the participation in the liturgy is more animated and the sense of being the people of God is more pronounced. I sensed that last Sunday as we celebrated Leadership Recognition Sunday. I found the service of ordination of elders for Marlo quick and Ron Wise particularly moving. The congregational renewal of covenant as we read the Disciple Affirmation was uplifting.

I celebrate the worship experiences of last Sunday because I feel it points to a good beginning for a new pastorate under the capable leadership of Neil Allen. If a pastor begins his ministry with a core of dedicated leaders in place...leaders who not only have a vision of what God is calling this church to be and do but also a deep commitment to the using of their individual gifts to build up the body of Christ in this place, it paints a promising picture for the future.

I will be with this congregation at least through August. One major goal for my ministry with you involved renewing the planning process which this (Con't. Pg 2)

from the pastor Con't..

congregation once did very effectively. I look forward to meeting with the various functional departments this Sunday afternoon for a Program Planning session. We will meet from 2 - 5 PM. I will present a short workshop on program planning, calendarizing, budget building etc. and then we will divide into our various departments for the purpose of planning and calendarizing events for this congregation through January, 1999.

We will begin the process of developing budget requests from the various groups for the entire year of 1999 since our financial year is the same as the calendar year. We will come together for the last 30 minutes for a plenary session where we will share our plans with the total group. Hopefully this action will be one positive step toward meeting a need identified in our Vision Meetings, namely improved communication between the leadership of the church and the membership at large.

I look forward to our time together this Sunday and the remaining days we have together as interim pastor and people.

Shalom,

Pastor Bill

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***DMA UPCOMING EVENTS...***

***AUGUST 4th.***

**NOON LUNCH AT ATZ ON NORTH ANTHONY (RESERVED ROOM).  
WE WILL THEN TOUR THE PURDUE EXTENSION  
DISPLAY GARDENS ON THE IPFW CAMPUS. OUR VERY OWN  
ROGER MOLL WILL GUIDE OUR TOUR THROUGH AN ACRE OF  
ANNUAL, PERENNIALS, VEGETABLES, etc.**

**THIS IS A GARDENERS ALERT... BE THERE !!!**

**MORE UPCOMING DMA ON Pg 3**



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT NEIL ALLEN HAS BEEN CALLED TO SERVE AS SENIOR MINISTER BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13, 1998. NEIL HAS 15 YEARS OF MINISTRY EXPERIENCE AND IS PRESENTLY SERVING FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT FLORA, INDIANA WHERE HE HAS SERVED SINCE 1992.

NEIL IS AN ORDAINED PASTOR WITH A MASTER OF DIVINITY FROM CTS AND B.S. IN PSYCHOLOGY. HE AND HIS WIFE NORA, A REGISTERED NURSE, HAVE ON ADULT DAUGHTER, KALAH, WHO IS AN ARTIST IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

ROGER MOLL  
BOARD MODERATOR

ORE DMA ...

*SEPTEMBER 1st*

DON CARRY-IN LUNCH AT CHURCH. THIS WILL BE BILL RIGGS LAST DMA MEETING AND A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO THANK HIM FOR STEERING OUR SHIP SO UNERRINGLY.

FOLLOWING LUNCH SUE BAIR WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM :  
" EXERCISING FOR SENIORS".

HE IS FROM THE "Y" AND WILL HELP US WORK OFF OUR LUNCH AND TONE-UP FOR A LONG AND VIGOROUS LIFE.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## REMINDER ~~~~~

CALENDAR PLANNING CONFERENCE  
SUNDAY, JULY 19  
2:00 - 5:00 PM

CALENDAR PLANNING FOR  
AUGUST, 1998  
THRU  
JANUARY, 1999

COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS SHOULD BEGIN  
RECRUITING CHURCH MEMBERS  
FOR YOUR COMMITTEES. PLEASE  
BRING THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU  
ON THE 19th.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND AND HELP SET  
CHURCH CALENDAR.

THIS CALENDAR WILL BE A BIG HELP  
TO OUR NEW PASTOR.

PLANNING/WORK CALENDARS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING.

HELP ...

HELP ...

HELP ...

IF YOU KNOW OF A FURNISHED  
APARTMENT THAT IS OR  
WILL BE AVAILABLE  
BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER  
PLEASE CALL CHURCH  
OFFICE WITH DETAILS.

OUR NEW PASTOR AND HIS  
WIFE WILL BE NEEDING  
A PLACE TO STAY FOR  
A COUPLE OF  
MONTHS.  
PLEASE CALL ASAP.

## "TIDINGS" SUMMER SCHEDULE

JULY 29  
AUGUST 12  
AUGUST 26  
SEPTEMBER 9  
DEADLINE FOR EACH  
WEDNESDAY  
PRINTING  
IS THE PREVIOUS  
MONDAY.

FOUND - NICE WINDBREAKER TYPE JACKET.  
PLEASE CALL CHURCH OFFICE TO CLAIM..

YOU ARE INVITED .....

WHAT: 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY  
FOR: Dr. J. Maurice Thompson  
WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1998  
TIME: 2:30 TO 5:00 PM  
WHERE: Robin Run Village Community Room  
5354 West 62nd Street  
Indianapolis, IN

ALONG WITH THE INVITATION THE FOLLOWING  
NOTE WAS RECEIVED:

"IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL MEMORY  
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF OUR  
MEMORY BOOK,

PLEASE WRITE IT DOWN AND BRING IT WITH YOU OR US  
TO ADD WITH OTHERS.

MEMORIES ARE THE GREATEST GIFT TO GIVE,  
NEXT TO YOUR PRESENCE!!!"



***ELDER'S EXPRESS. . . ABOUT 5th  
SUNDAY***

August 30th will be the next  
5th Sunday.

Again we will be serving a breakfast between services. This is an invitation to everyone to spend a little time together.

It is my hope that those who attend early worship will stay and those who attend second worship will come early for the best breakfast in town with no waiting for a table.

If you attend a Sunday School class, come get breakfast and take it with you. This is an excellent opportunity to share with other members of our church whom you may not see often.

**PLEASE JOIN US**  
**ON AUGUST 30th**  
**AT 9:15.**

Anne Moll

**SERVING JULY 26th**

**ELDERS**

**8:15 AM**

K. Cron, E. Conrad

**10:45 AM**

D. Heimann, B. Widmer

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

**8:15 AM**

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**10:45**

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D. MORY & P. LAHR

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M. BIER, L. VANDERGRIFF,

C. FALBE

UPDATE

AS ANNOUNCED IN THE JULY 1 ISSUE OF "TIDINGS",  
DON and VALETTA PARLETTE CELEBRATED  
THEIR 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

VALETTA CALLED AND THANKED EVERYONE AT  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR THE BEAUTIFUL  
FLOWERS.

SHE SAID THAT THE LADIES IN RECEPTION HESITATED IN  
DELIVERING THEM BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO KEEP THEM  
THERE BECAUSE OF THEIR BEAUTY.

GOD'S PLAN OF CREATION . . . . .

GOD CREATED THE SUN - IT GIVES.  
GOD CREATED THE MOON - IT GIVES.  
GOD CREATED THE STARS - THEY GIVE.  
GOD CREATED THE AIR - IT GIVES.  
GOD CREATED THE SEA - IT GIVES.  
GOD CREATED VEGETATION - IT GIVES.  
GOD CREATED ANIMALS - THEY GIVE.  
GOD CREATED THE PLAN - GOD GIVES.  
GOD CREATED HUMANS - DO WE GIVE?

PARSON'S PONDERINGS  
*"FINDING GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES"*

A story circulating for years among the clergy, tells of a minister who was invited to pastor a church at which the salary was four times what he had been receiving. Being a devout man, he spent many hours in prayer to discern the will of God. One day a friend met the minister's little boy on the street and asked, "Well, what is your father going to do?" "Well," said the boy, "Father's praying, but Mother's packing."

The father was saying to god, "What will you have me do?" and the mother, no less good-intentioned, was saying to God, "This is what I am going to do, I hope you approve." Doesn't that sound like us? Lord, this is what I am going to do, bless it!!

As the church today gets more and more contemporary, more and more need-oriented, responding to the buttons that people push in their pews. I find myself longing for more of an old time faith.

Most of us decide what we want and then claim that this is God's will, whether God had anything to do with it or not. the change is seen in why we worship god. some properly come to worship god and Seek to serve their Lord any way that they can. However, the more contemporary trend, is what can God offer me! The person who looks at it with "what is in it for me" will never find God's will for their life. It is too selfish and too self centered.

By Bill McConnell



A SOLEMN QUESTION

IF YOU WERE ARRESTED  
FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN?  
WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE  
TO CONVICT YOU?

FROM BARB & SAM HAYES...

DEAR FIRST CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CARDS, VISITS, FLOWERS, FOOD  
AND PRAYERS DURING MY MOTHER'S RECENT DEATH AND  
FUNERAL.

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT.

BLESSINGS, BARB HAYES

| <u>DATE:</u> July 12, 1998 | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>BUDGET</u><br><u>NEEDS</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u><br><u>GIVING</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SUNDAY SCHOOL              | 14                | \$ 3,523.88                   | \$ 2,466.00                    |
| WORSHIP                    | 130               | \$ 98,668.64                  | \$ 83,683.59                   |
| YEAR - TO - DATE           | 145               |                               |                                |

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DEAR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH...

THIS LETTER IS IN REFERENCE TO THE "TASK FORCE" FORMED TO LOOK AT THE 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE AND FORMALIZE A PLAN THAT ALL WHO ATTEND MAY FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE STYLE, ORDER AND MUSIC PRESENTED TO ENHANCE THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR ALL.

THIS TASK FORCE HAS MADE ONLY A FEW CHANGES AND EMBODIED A FEW CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE WHICH SHOULD HELP SETTLE ANY DISPUTES WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON IN THE CHURCH FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

SOME OF THE CHANGES TO THIS SERVICE ARE:

- ~ THE MUSIC SCREENS WILL BE PUT ON HINGES AND WHEN NOT IN USE THEY WILL BE PULLED BACK AGAIN THE WALL OUT OF THE WAY.
- ~ THE PROJECTORS FOR THE SCREENS WILL BE PUT BEHIND THE SANCTUARY WALL OUT OF VIEW, BUT YET JUST AS FUNCTIONAL.
- ~ WHEN A SONG IS SUNG IN WORSHIP, THE MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SCREENS, IN THE CHALICE HYMNAL OR AS A BULLETIN INSERT. THIS WILL ALLOW ALL TO SING FROM WHICHEVER FORM THEY CHOOSE.
- ~ THE PIANO, ORGAN AND SYNTHESIZER WILL BE USED WHEN IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR A CERTAIN SONG TO BE SUNG.
- ~ THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE WILL STAY THE SAME AS PASTOR RIGGS HAS PROVIDED.

THESE CHANGES ARE INTENDED TO GIVE ALL WHO WORSHIP AT THE 10:45 SERVICE THE ABILITY TO COME AND WORSHIP OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, IN A MANNER THAT YOU CAN FEEL COMFORTABLE .

JUDY MEY - WORSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

D. HEIMANN, E. GORMAN, R. & L. STOVER, D. MEY, G. & J. BAITZ, R. WISE,  
L. CROUTER, V. WELLS, S. ALLEN, R. MOLL



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SERVING  
SUNDAY, JULY 19th  
8:15 WORSHIP SERVICE

ELDERS  
R. CHURCH, A. MOLL

DIACONATE  
J. ARNOLD, M. BIER  
D. KEEBORTZ, G. BROWN

LAY READER  
V. BRUCKMAN

SPECIAL MUSIC  
K. MOLL

COMMUNION PREPARATION  
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C. FALBE

10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE

ELDERS  
C. McGREW, J. McGREW  
DIACONATE  
L. VANDERGRIFF, L. DECK,  
C. DECK, L. WHITWORTH,  
W. WHITWORTH, S. BREY  
L. BREY, C. FALBE  
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION  
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# *Tidings*

JULY 29, 1998  
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**from the pastor's pen....**

I HAVE APPRECIATED THE RESPONSE TO THE SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES. RICHARD FOSTER CHARACTERIZES THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES AS INNER, OUTER AND CORPORATE DISCIPLINES.

THIS SUNDAY WE WILL FOCUS ON ONE OF THE "CORPORATIVE" DISCIPLINES AS WE EXPLORE THE DISCIPLINE OF GUIDANCE. GUIDANCE IS A CORPORATE DISCIPLINE IN THAT IT CALLS US TO RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS ABOUT US. ALTHOUGH! EACH INDIVIDUAL HAS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, OUR LIFE IN CHRIST IS NEVER A SOLITARY EXISTENCE. DALLAS WILLARD HAS NOTED "PERSONALITIES UNITED CAN CONTAIN MORE OF GOD AND SUSTAIN THE PRESENCE OF GOD MUCH BETTER THAN CAN SCATTERED INDIVIDUALS. THE FIRE OF GOD BURNS BRIGHTER WHEN WE ARE WARMED BY ONE ANOTHER'S COALS."

I LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING YOU THIS SUNDAY AS WE WARM ONE ANOTHER'S FAITH THROUGH SHARED FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP.

SHALOM,

PASTOR BILL

*DMA UPCOMING EVENTS...*

*AUGUST 4th.*

NOON LUNCH AT ATZ ON NORTH ANTHONY (RESERVED ROOM).  
WE WILL THEN TOUR THE PURDUE EXTENSION  
*DISPLAY GARDENS* ON THE IPFW CAMPUS. OUR VERY OWN  
ROGER MOLL WILL GUIDE OUR TOUR THROUGH AN ACRE OF  
ANNUAL, PERENNIALS, VEGETABLES, etc.

THIS IS A GARDENERS ALERT... *BE THERE !!!*

MORE DMA ...

*SEPTEMBER 1st*

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Orda was born in Jay County IN on August 9, 1898 in a log cabin. She had 2 sisters and 3 brothers - which included a set of twin boys.

She stayed in this area for her schooling and became a telephone operator and worked in Bryant, IN.

He gentleman friend went to work in Washington DC after WWI for the Treasury Department. Ernest called her one day and proposed over the telephone. They were married in 1919 and Orda moved to Washington DC with her new husband. She went to work for the Treasury Department also. She was responsible for counting the old currency as it was turned in.

She and Ernest purchased their first new car, a Model-T for \$600.00 dollars and drove it back to Ft Wayne for visits - which at that time took 2 days.

Orda and Ernest were blessed with their only child, a daughter Coleen in 1923. Coleen's daughter, Diane Freimuth, has been more than a granddaughter to Orda. They are best friends. Diane has been a tremendous help to both her mother and grandmother. And as Orda and Coleen have said "they couldn't do without her and her help and above all her love."

On one of their trips to Indiana they purchased a home (\$10,000.00) in Ft Wayne and rented it to Orda's sister and brother in-law who cared for the home until Orda and Ernest were ready to move back to this area for good. They made that move in 1926.

Ernest became a barber and then went to work as a mail carrier. A job that he continued at until his retirement in 1965. Ernest passed away in 1968. Orda continued to live alone doing her own cooking, baking and caring for her yard and home until she was 94 years old. At which time an intruder entered her home and she was beaten unconscious and robbed. She has been living with her daughter Coleen since that tragic time.

Orda still has one brother living here in Ft Wayne his is 95 years old. He and his twin celebrated 90 years together.

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FOUND

WINDBREAKER  
TYPE JACKET.

PLEASE CALL  
CHURCH OFFICE  
TO CLAIM..

"TIDINGS"  
SUMMER SCHEDULE

AUGUST 12  
AUGUST 26  
SEPTEMBER 9  
DEADLINE FOR EACH  
WEDNESDAY  
PRINTING  
IS THE PREVIOUS  
MONDAY.

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

1. WHAT BOOK IN THE BIBLE DOES NOT MENTION THE NAME OF GOD AND YET IS AN EPIC STORY OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE?
2. WHICH BOOK BEGINS WITH LIFE AND ENDS WITH A COFFIN?
3. WHAT ARE THE FOUR LONGEST BOOKS IN THE BIBLE?
4. HOW MANY ONE CHAPTER BOOKS ARE THERE IN THE BIBLE?
5. WHAT TWO BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WERE NAMED AFTER WOMEN?
6. WHAT IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT?
7. WHO DID JOHN SAY FIRST LOVED US?
8. WHAT ARE CHRISTIANS TO SEEK FIRST?
9. WHAT FIRST DID JESUS TELL PETER TO GET TAX MONEY FROM?
10. TO WHOM DID JESUS APPEAR FIRST AFTER HIS RESURRECTION?

**YOUR ANSWERS:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW DID YOU DO? SEE PAGE 12  
FOR ANSWERS. (NO PEEKING)**



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*ADULTS ONLY*

COME AND JOIN US FOR THE PARABLES OF JESUS SEMINAR  
PRESENTED BY DR. JAY SOUTHWICK EACH SUNDAY IN AUGUST. A LIGHT  
BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT 9:15 AM FOLLOWED BY THE SEMINAR AT  
9:30 TO 10:30 AM.

DR. SOUTHWICK IS AN ORDAINED DISCIPLES MINISTER AND  
ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION AT BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE SEMINAR ON THE  
PARABLES OF JESUS. PRE-REGISTRATION WILL ENABLE US TO PREPARE  
THE PROPER SIZE ROOM AND THE PROPER AMOUNT OF FOOD. PLEASE RE-  
TURN THE REGISTRATION  
FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. IF IT IS MORE CONVENIENT, YOU MAY  
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS SEMINAR

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I WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR ON  
THE PARABLES OF JESUS ON:

\_\_\_\_\_ AUGUST 2                      \_\_\_\_\_ AUGUST 9

\_\_\_\_\_ AUGUST 16                      \_\_\_\_\_ AUGUST 23

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Wabash, Indiana

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Valpariso, Indiana

**AND**

Philip Hahn  
Choir Director,  
First Christian Church  
Valpariso, Indiana



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111 S. DOWNEY AVENUE  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
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Please make check payable to: CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA. Return form with  
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IN INDIANA, 1100 W. 42nd STREET, INDIANAPOLIS IN 46208

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## BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS \_\_\_\_\_

1. ESTHER      2. GENESIS      3. PSALMS, ISAIAH, JEREMIAH,  
GENESIS
4. FIVE:      OBADIAH, PHILEMON, II JOHN, III JOHN, JUDE
5. RUTH and ESTHER      6. THOU SHALT HAVE NO  
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
7. GOD      8. KINGDOM OF GOD
9. FISH      10. MARY MAGDALENE

100 years continued.....

Orda loves poetry - and in a recent "Tidings" we published two of her very own poems that she had written when she was 98 years young!!

She and her family will be having a private celebration. But birthday cards to her from everyone would be wonderful. Her address is :      Orda Glentzer

746 Candlelite Court FW 46807

So please let her know that she is being thought of with love and fond memories as she celebrates her centennial birthday.

YOU ARE INVITED . . . . .

WHAT: 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY  
FOR: Dr. J. Maurice Thompson  
WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1998  
TIME: 2:30 TO 5:00 PM  
WHERE: Robin Run Village Community Room  
5354 West 62nd Street  
Indianapolis, IN

ALONG WITH THE INVITATION THE FOLLOWING  
NOTE WAS RECEIVED:

"IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL MEMORY  
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF OUR  
MEMORY BOOK

PLEASE WRITE IT DOWN AND BRING IT WITH YOU OR US  
TO ADD WITH OTHERS.

MEMORIES ARE THE GREATEST GIFT TO GIVE,  
NEXT TO YOUR PRESENCE!!!"

| <u>DATE: July 26, 1998</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>BUDGET<br/>NEEDS</u> | <u>ACTUAL<br/>GIVING</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| SUNDAY SCHOOL              | N/A               | \$ 3,523.88             | \$ 2,508.37              |
| WORSHIP                    | 126               | \$ 105,716.40           | \$ 88,652.96             |
| YEAR - TO - DATE           | 143               |                         |                          |



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**SERVING AUGUST 2**

**ELDERS**

**8:15 AM**

B. BIER, E. CONRAD

**10:45 AM**

J. MEY, J. CHURCH

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

**8:15 AM**

J. ARNOLD, M. BIER,  
D. KEEBORTZ, G. BROWN

**10:45**

R. STOVER, L. STOVER  
J. FRANKLIN, E. GORMAN

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

E. CONRAD, D. BOHLEN, R. WISE,  
J. BOHLEN, J. MCGREW, G. BROWN,  
D. HEIMANN, T. KNUCKLES

**LAY READER**

E. MORY

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

J. BOHLEN

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

D. KEEBORTZ, L. STOVER,  
R STOVER

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I am at the "stage" of interim ministry where everything I do is being done for the last time. Not so with this article! There will be at least one more Tidings before my work with you is completed on August 30.

This does represent a column signaling closure to the summer sermon series on the spiritual disciplines. I have appreciated the response to these "teaching sermons" and trust that some of what we have considered will be incorporated into your spiritual journey. this Sunday I will be preaching on the "Discipline of Celebration." It is another way of affirming that the disciplines should not be viewed as heavy burdens which weigh us down, but positive, joyous encounters with God which lift us up.

I look forward to greeting you in worship this Sunday as we consider the celebrative character of our faith journey. In fact, worship is one of the great celebrations of faith for the community of God's people. Why not be part of the celebration this Sunday?

## TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Each week as invoices are received, the office attempts to get approval from each of you to pay the invoice. We put the invoice, with an attached Requisition form, in your mail box located outside the church office.

We also include any mailings that pertain to your committee operation. We appreciate your promptness in reviewing this each week and notifying the office if any changes are needed.

If church office is closed please place approved invoice in plastic slant tray on wall outside office to the right of the door.

!!!! ATTENTION !!!!

SATURDAY - AUGUST 29th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

WORKSHOP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

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**ANNOUNCEMENT . . . . .**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE AN ACTIVE PRAYER CHAIN WHO WISH TO HELP YOU WHEN NEEDED.**

**YOU MAY CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (744-3239) OR CALL EVELYN YEOMAN AT 489-2349.**

**SHOULD ANYONE DESIRE TO BE A MEMBER OF THIS GROUP, PLEASE CALL EITHER OF THE NUMBERS ABOVE.**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE**

As summer winds down, Christian Education heats up at First Christian Church. There were 38 people in Dr. Jay Southwick's class on "The Parables of Jesus" this past Sunday. This class is growing as word gets around about how stimulating it is. There have also been some wonderful coffee cakes for the breakfast served at 9:15 am.

There were nine children and four teachers in the children's class that heard another informative "Prophet Interview" on FCC-TV. After some getting-in-shape exercises, they went on a long journey through the wilderness and upon reaching their destination, they were revived by food and drink.

Watch for information in the next TIDINGS regarding the schedule for Fall classes and exciting news about "THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD" curriculum being introduced.

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"Hi Everyone!

We woke up at 5AM to a moose eating  
breakfast outside our tent! His table man-  
ners were not so good - a bit LOUD!

The orchestra here is fantastic and the peo-  
ple are very nice and lots of fun.

Jason and Naomi are swimming like fish  
and taking lessons on Tues & Thurs. I'm  
officially a "pool mom" sitting at the side  
watching them wiggle their way to the side  
somehow. How many ways are there to  
do a cannonball?

You all have a good summer, see you in  
the fall.

Love,  
Brian, Margaret, Jason and  
Naomi.

Their address is:  
Precht's  
c/o GTMF  
P. O. Box 490  
Teton Village, WY 83025

THE FOLLOWING THANK YOU NOTES WERE RECEIVED AT FCC:

*"THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT. EMMA PHILLIPS*

~~~~~

"MEMBERS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CHURCH FOR THE BIBLE THAT WAS PRESENTED ON GRADUATION SUNDAY. I ALSO AM THANKFUL FOR THE LOVE AND SUPPORT THE MEMBERS AND STAFF HAVE GIVEN ME THROUGH THE YEARS AS I HAVE GROWN IN MY FAITH.

IN CHRIST
Kyle Kerley
Isa 40:31"

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER AND CHANGE:

- AUGUST 18 CHANGE - NO ADVENTURE CLUB PARENTS MEETING.
- AUGUST 30 5th SUNDAY BREAKFAST (BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES)
- AUGUST 30 CARRY-IN DINNER FOR PASTOR BILL - 5:30 PM
- SEPTEMBER 17 CHANGE - ADVENTURE WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24th.

MORE IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
IN THE AUGUST 26th "TIDINGS"

REMEMBER OUR
HOMEBOUND FRIENDS
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS
OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES ARE:

THE ARBORS 2827 Northgate Blvd., 46835

BETHLEHEM NURSING/REHAB Ctr. * 4430 Elsdale Drive, 46835
Bernice Montgomery, Room 301 *Formally Mariners

COURTLAND HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER, 3555 Spy Run Ext. , 46805
Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

KINGSTON RESIDENCE, 7515 Winchester Road, 46819
Don & Valetta Parlette, Room 410

LUTHERAN HOME 6723 S. Anthony Blvd., 46816
Sara Smith, Room C356
Wm Crouse, Room E520 (Concord Village Apts)

MILLERS MERRY MANOR 5544 E. State Blvd., 46805
Freda Flaugh, Room 212

OSSIAN HEALTH CAR. 215 Davis Road, Ossian IN 46777
Dorothy Green, Room 301A

RIVERBEND, 7519 Winchester Road, 46819
Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

RENAISSANCE VILLAGE, 650 S. 800 E-92, 46804
Kathryn Banet, Room 218

ST. ANNE'S NURSING HOME, 1900 Randalia Drive, 46805
Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-b

TOWNHOUSE HEALTH CENTER, 2209 St. Joe Center Road, 46825
Lola Miller, Room 201

AT HOME:

Emma Phillips,	1737 Godfrey Road, 46819
Lila Russell,	3936 Irene Court, 46808
Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer,	746 Candlelite Court, 46807
Charles Wrisk,	259 E. Sherwood Terrace, 46807
Andy Cook,	11335 Gongwer Drive, 46845
Lucille Branstrator,	9721 Coverdale Road, 46809

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

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PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT Leaders training session will be held at Crestview Christian Church in Indianapolis on Saturday, August 29. The workshop will focus on the curriculum there for 1998-99.

FAMILY CAMP September 4-7 at Camp Barbee...camp fires, canoeing, crafts, hayrides, singing, swimming, worship, vespers and much more. See the brochure or contact Carolyn J. Scanlan at (317) 846-3404.

LOREN MEAD, founder of Alban Institute and nationally recognized leader will be presenting two events September 15 and 16 at the Center for Continuing Education at Norte Dame in South Bend. The Tuesday evening session is entitled
"Financial Meltdown in the Mainline?"
and the Wednesday workshop will focus on the theme
"Five Challenges for The Once and Future Church"

MEN's RETREAT September 18 - 20 at Camp Barbee. See Page 8 of this issue of the "Tidings.

C.L.E.A.R. DAY (Congregational Leaders Education And Renewal) will be held at Christian Theological Seminary on Saturday, September 26. Check the bulletin board for a complete listing of workshops to be offered. Registration forms are available in the church office.

SUMMER BEAUTY

The loveliness that I behold,
So far beyond compare,
The joy I feel within my soul
Tells me my Saviors near.

I see Him in red roses
That bloom along the vine.
I feel Him in the gentle wind
That sweeps the Summer pines.

The sky enfolds me like a glove
Of magic azure blue,
And I'm reminded that His love
Surrounds me this way, too!

A rolling carpet of green grass
Backs up this breathless view,
And I know for me that Heaven
will be in colors of this hue.

As the sun slips slowly out of sight
In its westerly direction,
I want to whisper,
"Please don't go,
Don't end this day's perfection."

Sara Brown

"Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for you
are God my Savior, for you I await all the long day,
because of Your goodness, Lord.

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TELEPHONE: _____ CONGREGATION: _____

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**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE
ON OUR NEW. . .**

BIBLE QUIZ

INTRODUCTION TO SOME KINGS

1. WHAT KING COMMITTED SUICIDE SHORTLY AFTER CONSULTING A FORTUNE TELLER?
2. WHAT KING REIGNED SEVEN DAY, THEN BURNED THE PALACE AND PERISHED IN THE FLAMES?
3. WHO WAS ISRAEL'S MOST WICKED KING?
4. WHAT KING WAS TRUCK DEAD AFTER MAKING A BOASTFUL SPEECH?
5. WHAT KING HAD A THRONE OF IVORY, OVERLAID WITH PURE GOLD?

ARE THESE SAYINGS FROM THE BIBLE?

1. "MY DAYS ARE SWIFTER THAN A WEAVER'S SHUTTLE."
2. "GOD IS NOT DUMB, THAT HE SHOULD SPEAK NO MORE."
3. "AWAKE THOU THAT SLEEPETH, AND ARISE FROM THE DEAD."
4. "I AM IN THE SLOUGH OF DESPOND."
5. "I HAVE ESCAPED WITH THE SKIN OF MY TEETH."

THE ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 12

NO PEEKING

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED . . .

THE FCC FOOD BANK IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!!!!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL	N/A	\$ 3,523.88	\$ 3,208.65
WORSHIP	141	\$ 112,764.16	\$ 94,849.76
YEAR - TO - DATE	143		

PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE FAMILY OF PHILLIP QUICK (MARLO'S FATHER IN LAW).
PHILLIP PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY EVENING
OF A HEART ATTACK.

also

THE FAMILY OF CHARLES McGREW. CHARLES LOST HIS ONLY
SISTER ON SUNDAY. THE BURIAL WAS IN
LEWISTOWN, IL.

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS _____

INTRODUCTION TO SOME KINGS

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. KING SAUL (I SAM 31:4) | 2. ZIMRI (I KINGS 16:18) |
| 3. AHAB (I KINGS 21:25) | 4. HEROD (ACTS 12:21, 23) |
| 5. SOLOMON (I KINGS 10:24, 25) | |

ARE THESE SAYINGS FROM THE BIBLE?

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. YES (JOB 7:6) | 2. NO |
| 3. YES (EPH. 5:14) | 4. NO (JOHN BUNYAN) |
| 5. YES (JOB 19:20) | |

!!! NOTICE !!! NOTICE !!!

CHILD CARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY
AUGUST 16th. FOR EITHER WORSHIP SERVICE.

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SERVING AUGUST 16

ELDERS

8:15 AM

E. CONRAD, K. CRON

10:45 AM

C. HATTEN, J. McGREW

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 AM

J. ARNOLD, M. BIER,
D. KEEBORTZ, G. BROWN

10:45

L. VANDERGRIFF, L. DECK, C. DECK,
L. WHITWORTH, W. WHITWORTH,
S. BREY, L. BREY, E. GORMAN

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

A. MOLL, C. FALBE, S. HAYES,
S. RUDY, M. QUICK, M. CROUSE,
B. FRANKLIN, J. FRANKLIN

**LAY READER
E. MORY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC
E. CONRAD**

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(Disciples of Christ)

Tidings

August 26, 1998
VOLUME 55, No. 31

from the pastor's pen....

It does not seem possible that a year has passed since I began the interim ministry with First Christian Church. This Sunday will be my last Sunday with you and what a Sunday it promises to be! We will have a group of children from Indianapolis participating in the second worship service. The group, under the leadership of Janet Casey Allen will be doing some liturgical dance and sharing some music with us during the worship service. We will have a brief, but meaningful dedication service for the Chalice hymnals secured earlier this year. Many people shared in the Chalice Hymnal Project. Deb Schuricht has prepared book plates indicating hymnals given by various people, some in memory of love done, others given to honor friends or in appreciation for the church. Jesse Fern Woodward and Elinor Place mounted the bookplates in nearly 200 hymnals. We owe Deb, Jesse Fern and Elinor a big THANK YOU for their work!

I will be preaching on the theme

"Beginnings and Endings" as my final sermon at First Christian. We will cap off the day with a fellowship dinner at 5:30 PM. I hope you will be a part of that evening of celebration. It is never easy to say goodbye to a congregation, but I find it easier to do so in the informal setting of a dinner.

Although Sunday will be my last day to worship with you, I will be in the office most of the following week, preparing worship bulletins for September 6 when Terry Anderson will be our guess speaker and compiling information and reports for Neil Allen as he begins his ministry with you on September 13. I will also be writing my "farewell" column for the Tidings.

I look forward to greeting you in worship. I encourage you to read Paul's letter to the Phillipians as a background for the worship experience.

Shalom.

Pastor Bill

TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Each week as invoices are received, the office attempts to get approval from each of you to pay the invoice. We put the invoice, with an attached Requisition form, in your mail box located outside the church office.

We also include any mailings that pertain to your committee operation. We appreciate your promptness in reviewing this each week and notifying the office if any changes are needed.

If church office is closed please place approved invoice in plastic slant tray on wall outside office to the right of the door.

!!!! ATTENTION !!!!

SATURDAY - AUGUST 29th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

WORKSHOP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

DMA ...

SEPTEMBER 1st

NOON CARRY-IN LUNCH AT CHURCH.

THIS WILL BE BILL RIGGS LAST DMA MEETING

AND A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO THANK HIM FOR STEERING OUR SHIP
SO UNERRINGLY.

FOLLOWING LUNCH SUE BAIR WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM :
" EXERCISING FOR SENIORS".

SUE IS FROM THE "Y" AND WILL HELP US WORK OFF OUR LUNCH
AND
TONE-UP FOR A LONG AND VIGOROUS LIFE.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON OUR BIBLE QUIZ

Do You Know. . .

1. What Bible character ascended higher than the stratosphere, and returned safely to report that he did?
2. What famous warrior refused to go out to battle unless a woman went with him?
3. Where in the Bible are insects referred to as people?
4. Where is there a record of an all-night wrestling match?
5. When did God once use a worm to humble a man?

WHEELS. . .

1. Whose chariots lost their wheels because God would not let them follow his people?
2. Who saw a wheel in a wheel in the sky?
3. Who had a vision of a man removing fire from a wheel?
4. Who used the potter and his wheel to illustrate how God wants to mold his people?
5. Who had a dream about burning wheels?

*HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR ANSWERS? DID YOU KNOW
YOUR KINGS LAST TIME? DO YOU KNOW YOUR WHEELS THIS TIME?*

*ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 12
NO FAIR PEEKING THIS TIME EITHER.....*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ART and CRAFT FESTIVAL

GRACE ST. JOHN'S HAS
SCHEDULED
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
AS THEIR
ART and CRAFT FESTIVAL.
9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
LUNCH AVAILABLE

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IN RENTING A BOOTH PLEASE
CALL FCC OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
IN JUST LOOKING AND OR
BUYING, PLEASE
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
THIS SPECIAL EVENT.

THERE WILL BE SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE...

WOOD CRAFTS, CERAMICS,
WHEAT WEAVING, BAKE SALE,
SOFT SCULPTURES,
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
MUCH, MUCH MORE

!!! MEETING !!!

THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS
WILL HAVE A MEETING AND A
BRIEF LESSON ON
SEPTEMBER 6th AT 9:30 AM.

WE WILL BE MEETING
IN THE CHAPEL.

SEE YOU THEN.

G. Miller

!!! MEETING !!!

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
WILL HAVE A
MEETING ON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

AT 7 PM.

!!! MEETING !!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
NO
MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

NEW DATES AND TIME
THIRD SATURDAY OF
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER and
DECEMBER
AT 9:00 AM

CHANGE - CHANGE - CHANGE

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

ONLY

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
AND

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WILL MEET ON THE THIRD TUESDAY
WHICH IS
SEPTEMBER 15th.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
THIS ONE TIME CHANGE AND
ATTEND ON THE 15th.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD 6:30 PM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 7:30 PM

WATCH ...WATCH...WATCH

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
WILL BE IN THE
SEPTEMBER 2nd
TIDINGS
REGARDING OCTOBER 4th.

A VERY SPECIAL DAY
IS BEING PLANNED
AND WE WANT EVERYONE
TO BE THERE.

EVERYONE'S INVITED

50th BIRTHDAY PARTY
AUGUST 28 7 PM

BARB HAYES
and
JOHN OHNECK

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
COME AND HELP THEM
CELEBRATE.

DON'T
FORGET

5th
SUNDAY
BREAKFAST

AUGUST 30th

9:30 AM

EVERYONE
IS INVITED

GOOD FOOD
GOOD FELLOWSHIP

PLEASE PLAN
NOW TO JOIN US
FOR
BREAKFAST.

CAPTURE SOME HISTORY ON SEPTEMBER 13th . . .

COME BE A PART OF A CONGREGATIONAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING FACING CALHOUN STREET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1998.

THE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL LEAVE THE SANCTUARY BY THE FRONT FOR. THOSE RETURNING FOR THE POTLUCK LUNCH WELCOMING NEIL AND NORA ALLEN WILL PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH BEFORE GOING TO FELLOWSHIP HALL.

WITH EVERYONE COOPERATING, THIS SHOULD TAKE ONLY A FEW MINUTES — AND THEN YOU CAN EAT! THE POSTER SIZE PICTURE WILL BE ON DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AND WHO KNOWS WHERE ELSE IT MIGHT BE DISPLAYED?????

MOM's ON A MISSION

MOM's ON A MISSION PRESENTED BY BECCA WEDMER AT
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON Wednesdays AT
1:00 PM WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER WITH
THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.

(NO SEMINARS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 9 AND 16)

!!!! ATTENTION !!!!!

On Sunday, August 30th at 5:30 PM the Fellowship Committee cordially invites you to an All church carry-in dinner to honor Pastor Bill Riggs on his final Sunday as our illustrious leader. (Do you recall how he asked us to address him on his first Sunday here??)

Please use the following schedule, according to your last name, as to what type of dish - along with the recipe (our parting gift!) that you should bring.

Drinks and tableware will be provided. Won't you please join us for an evening of appreciation, celebration and fellowship!

A to H - DESSERT

O to Q - SALAD

R to Z - MAIN DISH

OR

VEGETABLE

CASSEROLE

THANK YOU.

Linda Deck

Fellowship Chairperson

Come Be a Part of



Sunday School at First Christian Church 1998-99

Grow in faith and fellowship
through Bible Study
Sunday Mornings 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Introducing The Whole People of God

The Whole People of God is an exciting new adventure in Sunday School for First Christian Church. IT is an ecumenical, intergenerational, Lectionary-based approach to Bible Study.

Worship and Christian education are integrated because children, youth, and adults are all learning and worshipping using the same Scripture passages each week. Children are better prepared for worship and adults bring a greater depth of meaning to worship. follow-up family discussions can occur more easily since all ages are studying the same stories.

The Adult Class will meet in Fellowship Hall in front of the stage. Adults who are not currently a member of another Sunday School class are urged to become involved in The Whole People of God. This is an excellent choice for people who are seeking a first time learning experience as well as for those who already have a good understanding of the Bible.

Youth in 6th grade through 12th grade will meet in the Youth Room. Ron Wise will be the teacher.

Children from 3 years old through 5th grade will meet in the Upper Room. The teachers will include Anne Moll, Becca Widmer, Robin Evans, Becky Krull, Linda Deck, and Laura Whitworth.

Gospel Seekers meets in the Board Room beginning September 6. Eunice Conrad is the teacher. "This class is intergenerational and informal. We read the Bible a lot and share our experience and insights. We like to see each other every Sunday, and find out how we are and what we've been doing and pray for each other. We also laugh a lot. We'd like others to join us. We are using the Bible Discovery material."

Progressive Class meets in the Chapel beginning September 6. Glenn D. Miller is the teacher. "It is the intent to read, study, and attempt to interpret the scripture and discover a relationship to today's life problems. The class is made up of singles and couples ranging in age from the 50s to the 90s. Come, join us! Let us learn about God's Words of Wisdom together."

Harmony Class meets in the Library beginning September 13. Jack Weicker is the teacher. This class uses the Standard Bible lesson for the day augmented by discussion of current religious events and by the use of supplemental materials gleaned from many sources. "These discussions are motivated by a real desire to learn and by a considerable amount of humor and all-around good fellowship. The group is made up of exciting people who are not prone to hide "their light under a bushes. If you are looking for a really exciting Bible class, you need look no longer. If you are anywhere between 20 and 100, are married or single, you will be cordially welcomed."

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THANK YOU...

"DEAR FIRST CHRISTIAN FRIENDS...

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOUR MANY WISHES OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME OF MY SISTERS PASSING. BOTH JEAN AND I ARE MOST THANKFUL FOR YOUR CHARDS, CALLS AND CONCERNS.

CHARLES B. McGREW

A GIFT FOR FCC...

A GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 WAS RECEIVED
AT FCC IN HONOR OF
MRS. ORDA GLENTZER's 100TH BIRTHDAY.

OUR THANKS TO MALINDA SCHEUMANN
FOR HER MOST GENEROUS GIFT.

SHE HAS BEEN LOCATED...

TWO WEEKS AGO PASTOR RIGGS ASKED IF ANYONE KNEW
WHERE WE COULD LOCATE MILDRED LINN.
WELL WE FOUND HER. THANKS TO HER NEIGHBOR
MRS GLORIA WERLING.

MILDRED IS ACCEPTING VISITS AND CARDS AT
HARBORSIDE HEALTHCARE
1201 DALY DRIVE - ROOM 211
NEW HAVEN IN 46774
(MILDRED HAS A PLATE AND 12 PINS IN HER LEG AND HIP FOR HER FALL)

THANK YOU . . .

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR HELPING MAKE THE AUGUST SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM WITH AN EXTRA SPECIAL EVENT. SO MANY THANKS TO DAVID, BARBARA, EUGENE, EVELYN, LOIS, BECCA, ROSE AND BECKY. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOU.

Christian Education Committee

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 29th CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS WORKSHOP

AUGUST 30th 5th SUNDAY BREAKFAST - 9:30 AM

AUGUST 30th - CARRY IN DINNER FOR BILL - 5:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 1st DMA - CARRY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL 12 NOON

SEPTEMBER 1st - ELDERS MEETING - 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 4 - 7 - FAMILY CAMP - CAMP BARBEE

SEPTEMBER 7th - FCC OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 8th - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 13th - CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF

"THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD"

SEPTEMBER 13th. NEIL and NORA's FIRST SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13th. CARRY-IN LUNCHEON AFTER SECOND SERVICE.

(SEE FOOD SCHEDULE THIS ISSUE OF TIDINGS)

SEPTEMBER 15th. ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD and

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (6:30 AND 7:30 PM)

SEPTEMBER 20th - ORDINATION OF PATRICIA MULLEN 4:00PM

FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

SEPTEMBER 24th - ADVENTURE CLUB RETURNS WITH NEW HOURS

3:45 - 5:00 PM EACH THURSDAY

WATCH FUTURE TIDINGS FOR MORE UPCOMING DATES

SPECIAL DAY OCTOBER 4th.

WATCH FOR VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD CONTINUED

All of "The Whole People of God" classes will meet for an intergenerational gathering in the Upper Room at 9:30 AM on September 13. This will be a time of covenanting and introduction to the curriculum. Children and adults will discover faith and fun together.

NURSERY CARE is provided for infants ages 0-2 years old by Jafsheen Jaboori in the new Nursery at the west end of Fellowship Hall. We believe the best way infants experience the love of God is through loving care and attention very ably given by our caregiver.

During 10:45 am Sunday Worship, children ages 3- 2nd grade are welcomed to Children in Worship. Children are able to enter into a time of worship that is meaningful to them. They listen and respond to the stories of god, sing songs of praise, pray, read the Bible and enjoy a feast. Teresa Hatten and Eunice Conrad are the worship leaders.

100th UPDATE

ORDA'S 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION "WAS WONDERFUL". SHE RECEIVED 114 CARDS AND 120 PLUS PEOPLE ATTENDED THE QUIET FAMILY OPEN HOUSE. 22 OF THOSE CARDS WERE FROM FRIENDS AT FCC.

THE FLOWERS FROM FCC WERE STILL FRESH AND BEAUTIFUL AFTER ALMOST TWO WEEKS.

ONE OF THE PRESENTS THAT SHE RECEIVED WAS A QUARTER FROM 1898, SOME HOMEMADE JAMS, JELLIES, AND LOTS OF GOODIES FOR THEM TO ENJOY FOR DAYS TO COME.

ORDA HEARD FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT HAD LOST TOUCH. SHE WAS DELIGHTED THAT THEY REMEMBERED HER ON HER SO VERY SPECIAL DAY.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

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YEAR - TO - DATE	141		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

BILL CROUSE
GINNY BROWN
VALETTA PARLETTE
ALSO
THE FAMILY OF BEVERLY JOHNSTON.
BEVERLY, MOTHER OF JOAN OTT, PASSED AWAY
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24th.

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS _____

DO YOU KNOW?

1. PAUL (II Cor. 12:4)
2. Barak Refused to go
without Deborah
(Judges 4:8)
3. Proverbs 30:25
4. Genesis 32: 24-30
5. Jonah 4:7

WHEELS

1. Egyptians (Ex. 14:25)
2. Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1:16)
3. Ezekiel (Ezekiel 10:6, 9)
4. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 18:3-6)
5. Daniel (Daniel 7: 1, 9)

HOW DID YOU DO THIS TIME?

THANK YOU

THANK YOU CANNOT EXPRESS DEEPLY ENOUGH MY APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR THE PRAYERS, CARDS AND LOVE FROM MY CHURCH FAMILY DURING THIS TIME IN MY LIFE.

LOVE TO EACH OF YOU. *Gini Brown*

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Tidings

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from the pastor's pen....

This will be my final column for the Tidings. I have enjoyed sharing with you through the written word. This column is written on the morning following the huge "farewell party" on Sunday evening. ...AND WHAT A GREAT PARTY IT WAS! The food (as usual) was great! The fellowship was fabulous! If love could be measured in some quantitative way, I feel certain it would have overflowed the fellowship hall and moved into the parking lot. I will be eternally grateful for the memories of that fine evening. I will always remember the hugs, the good wishes, the song from the youth of the church, and the privilege afforded me of being initiated into the "order of the fork!"

I am also thankful for the many gifts you showered upon me during this festive evening. The many cards, the special gifts, the monetary gift from many in the

congregation...all left me overwhelmed. Thanks to all who shared in any way to make this evening a truly memorable one.

I am pleased to see and feel the anticipation present in the congregation as you prepare for the pastoral leadership of Neil Allen. He will be in the office on September 10. He will preach his first sermon on Sunday, September 13. he and Nora will be made welcome by First Christian as they share in a great fellowship dinner which First Christian does so well. I encourage every member of first Christian to mark this date on your calendar and be present for worship on that day. A sanctuary filled with joyous and enthusiastic worshippers would be a wonderful gift as Neil begins his ministry with you!

Continued on Page 3

Pastor's Pen continued.....

Next Sunday, September 6, we will have the privilege of hearing Terry Anderson. Terry is the Director of Samaritan counseling Center. He has been a friend of First Christian Church across the years and recently served as moderator for our Task Group on Worship. He will be preaching at both services.

I close this column with a prayer that God will continue to bless the people of first Christian and the mission they undertake for their Lord. It has been a good year. I know there will be many more great years in the future of this congregation. In one of my early columns, I introduced you to one of the most beautiful and meaningful words in the vocabulary of faith, the word SHALOM. I use that beautiful word as my word of blessing on all the people who have shared in ministry with me this past year and who will journey forward with Neil Allen in the days to come.

Shalom to you now,

Shalom my friends.

Pastor Bill

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Children's Worship need adult helpers (greeters). This would be during the 10:45 AM Worship Service. The greeter is not asked to teach - ONLY to provide loving assistance as the children participate in worship. A greeter would ordinarily be asked to serve one Sunday every 4-6 weeks depending upon the number of people willing to assist. A short (1-1/2 hours) training session is required and will be scheduled soon. Please call Teresa Hatten this week at 447-2649 to volunteer for this very rewarding ministry.

Dear Church Family...

You have nurtured me in the faith, prayed for me through thick and thin, and laughed with me through the journey. And now I am asking you to please come celebrate with me as I am ordained into the professional ministry.

I would love to extend a personal invitation to each of you, but time does not permit, so let it be know, that as each of you have been in integral part of my journey in faith, your presence and prayer are requested on the 20th of September to celebrate with me.

I love you all and thank God for blessing me with your friendship.

The Indiana Region First Christian Church of Fort Wayne and
Central Christian Church of Huntington
of the Christian Church
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cordially invite your presence and your prayers for the
Ordination to Christian Ministry of

Patricia Bridgewater Mullen

on

Sunday, September 20, 1998

at 4:00 P.M.

at

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Reception at the church following the service

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Anne Moll

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AT 7 PM.

!!! MEETING !!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
NO
MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

NEW DATES AND TIME
THIRD SATURDAY OF
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER and
DECEMBER
AT 9:00 AM

CHANGE - CHANGE - CHANGE

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
ONLY

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
AND

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WILL MEET ON THE THIRD TUESDAY
WHICH IS
SEPTEMBER 15th.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
THIS ONE TIME CHANGE AND
ATTEND ON THE 15th.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD 6:30 PM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 7:30 PM

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

TERESA HATTEN HAS ACCEPTED
THE POSITION OF
LITERACY OUTREACH SUPERVISOR
FOR THE ALLEN COUNTY
LOCAL EDUCATION FUND.

SHE WILL PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO
EACH OF THE 21 PROJECT R.E.A.D.S.
SITES AND WILL SUPERVISE 10 VISTA
COMMUNITY OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS.

TERESA PLANS TO CONTINUE TO
PROVIDE DIRECT OVERSIGHT TO THE
FIRST CHRISTIAN SITE.

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will begin

Thursday, Sept. 24 at 3:45 PM

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First Christian church is one of 21
reading sites in Fort Wayne. Last
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provide this service to the children
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of this congregation.

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Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 or Ja-
marcus Eldridge, VISTA
Volunteer, at 422-5041.

CAPTURE SOME HISTORY ON SEPTEMBER 13th . . .

COME BE A PART OF A CONGREGATIONAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING FACING CALHOUN STREET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:45 AM WORSHIP SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1998.

THE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL LEAVE THE SANCTUARY BY THE FRONT FOR. THOSE RETURNING FOR THE POTLUCK LUNCH WELCOMING NEIL AND NORA ALLEN WILL PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH BEFORE GOING TO FELLOWSHIP HALL.

WITH EVERYONE COOPERATING, THIS SHOULD TAKE ONLY A FEW MINUTES — AND THEN YOU CAN EAT! THE POSTER SIZE PICTURE WILL BE ON DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AND WHO KNOWS WHERE ELSE IT MIGHT BE DISPLAYED?????

MOM's ON A MISSION

MOM's ON A MISSION PRESENTED BY BECCA WEDMER AT
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON Wednesdays AT
1:00 PM WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER WITH
THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.

(NO SEMINARS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 9 AND 16)

DEEP, DEEP
THINKER??????

ONE DAY RECENTLY
SENIOR PASTOR
BILL RIGGS
PRESENTED THE
FCC OFFICE
STAFF WITH THESE
THOUGHT PROVOKING
STATEMENTS

NEEDLESS TO SAY
A VERY
INTENSE DISCUSSION
FOLLOWED
DELVING INTO
PASTOR BILL'S
WAY OF
THINKING.

WE HOPE THAT YOU GET
A CHUCKLE FROM THIS AS WE
DID.

THANK YOU PASTOR
FOR SHOWING US THIS SIDE OF
YOURSELF.

11 VITAL QUESTIONS

1. If you throw a cat out of the car window - does it become kitty litter?
2. If corn oil comes from corn - where does baby oil come from?
3. How did a fool and his money GET together in the first place?
4. How do they get deer to cross at those yellow road signs?
5. Why do they sterilize the needles for lethal injections?
6. Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
7. How do you know when it's time to tune your bagpipes?
8. Is it true that cannibals won't eat clowns because they taste funny?
9. Why is there an expiration date on the sour cream container?
10. Why do they call it a TV set when there is only one?

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON OUR BIBLE QUIZ

WHAT IS YOUR I.Q. ON FAMOUS PROVERBS?

1. WHOSE WAY IS "RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES"?
2. WHOSE WAY IS DESCRIBED AS "HARD"?
3. WHAT PROVERB TELLS WHAT TO DO "WHEN SINNERS ENTICE THEE"?
4. TO WHAT INSECTS ARE SLUGGARDS ADMONISHED TO GO FOR INSTRUCTION?
5. WHAT IS IT THAT IS "CRUEL AS THE GRAVE"?

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"STRICTLY MILITARY"

1. WHAT WERE THE FIRST CITIES DESTROYED BY AN AERIAL BLAST?
2. NAME A FAMOUS BIBLE CHARACTER WHO WON A GREAT BATTLE BY KEEPING HIS HANDS LIFTED TO GOD.
3. ON WHAT OCCASION DID GOD SEND HORNETS OUT AGAINST AN ARMY AND SCATTER THEM?
4. RECALL AN INSTANCE WHEN GOD DESTROYED AN ENEMY ARMY BY DROWNING EVERY ONE OF THEM.
5. WHO WILL LEAD IN THE WAR TO END ALL WARS?

HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR ANSWERS?

ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 14 NO FAIR PEEKING

REMEMBER OUR
HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS
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The Following letter was received after our VBS this past summer.

Dear VBS Participants

WOW! What a generous offering you have made to the St. Mark's playground build. We are beginning to get excited as the time of building approaches. Enclosed with this letter is information on the build and an invitation for someone from your church to participate. all of the groups who contribute to the Special Project, Burned Churches are being invited to send a representative to help with the playground. It is so exciting to see the ways in which Disciples kids from all over the United States and Canada are joining together to make a difference in the world.

A special thanks goes to the children in kindergarten - fifth grade for the decorated bags filled with school supplies. These supplies will be so helpful to the children who come to All Peoples Christian Center for tutoring.

I am glad to know that you plan to do another KIDS to KIDS mission project during your next VBS. Soon you will receive a new KIDS to KIDS "Way Cool Leader's Guide" with several new mission ideas. I look forward to hearing from you next summer and thanks for helping to spread the Good News of God's love and care for all children.

In Christ,

Kaye S. Edwards

KIDS to KIDS Coordinator

CONTINUED INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION announces a trip back to St. Marks Missionary Baptist Church to build a playground with money raised by KIDS to KIDS! October 9-11, 1998 50 Disciples of all ages will gather to build a playground on the yard of St Mark's Missionary Baptist Church (the church we helped rebuild in 1997) in Chelford, Arkansas. There will be a dedication Saturday evening. The number of participants is limited because of the size of the project.

If you are interested, contact Brenda Mitchell for a registration form (1-888-346-2631)

ERENDIPITY HOUSE is conducting a 4-hour Advanced Training Seminar for pastors and church leaders in small group management. It is being held at Good Shepherd Methodist Church, September 22, 1998. The time is 8:30 am to 12:30 PM. The seminar will be led by RYMAN COLEMAN. Registration is \$50.00 for each person; groups of four or more will be \$10.00 per person.

If you are interested in attending, please call the church office immediately at 744-3239.

ONLY GOD KNOWS. The Visible church is all the people who get together from time to time in God's name. Anybody can find out who they are by going to look.

The invisible church is all the people God uses for his hands and feet in this world. Anybody can find out who they are except God.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 7th - FCC OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 8th - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 13th - CHURCH SCHOOL KICK-OFF
"THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD"

SEPTEMBER 13th. NEIL and NORA's FIRST SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13th. CARRY-IN LUNCHEON AFTER SECOND SERVICE.
(SEE FOOD SCHEDULE THIS ISSUE OF TIDINGS)

SEPTEMBER 15th. ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD and
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (6:30 AND 7:30 PM)

SEPTEMBER 20th - ORDINATION OF PATRICIA MULLEN 4:00PM
FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

SEPTEMBER 24th - ADVENTURE CLUB RETURNS WITH NEW HOURS
3:45 - 5:00 PM EACH THURSDAY

Dear Friends,

Our heartfelt thanks for the prayers, conform and cards we received from you during our recent loss.

Your concern greatly helped all of us.

Richard, Marlo and Josie Quick

A GRANDPA STORY...

WHEN I WAS A BOY, GRANDPA SAID TO HIS TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS, "I USED TO HAVE A PET FISH THAT I KEPT IN THE POND OVER THERE. AND THE FISH WOULD COME WHEN I CALLED IT, AND I WOULD PUT IT ON A LEASH AND TAKE IT FOR WALKS". THE YOUNG FACES LOOKED UP AT HIM IN AMAZEMENT.

"THEN ONE DAY," HE WENT ON, "I WAS WALKING WITH MY FISH OVER THE BRIDGE, AND HE SLIPPED OUT OF THE LEASH, FELL OFF THE BRIDGE INTO THE WATER, AND THE POOR THING DROWNED."

THE YOUNGEST GIRL'S MOUTH DROPPED OPEN IN ASTONISHMENT. BUT HER OLDER SISTER THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT AND THAN SAID, "GRANDPA, I DON'T BELIEVE YOU."

"WELL, WHY ON EARTH NOT, DEAR?"

"BECAUSE," SHE ANSWERED, "YOU DON'T HAVE A BRIDGE!"

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED . . .

THE FCC FOOD BANK IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!!!!

THE BANK IS OPEN FOR TWO HOURS ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY. THAT WORKS OUT TO 12 DAYS PER MONTH. WITH ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS, YOU COULD SERVE ONLY ONCE A MONTH!

DESPITE A GOOD ECONOMY WE STILL ARE SERVING CLIENTS EVERY WEEK. REMEMBER JESUS' WORDS "*WHEN YOU FED THE HUNGRY, CLOTHED THE NAKED, VISITED THOSE IN JAIL, YOU HAVE SERVED ME.*"

THINK AND PRAY ABOUT IT AND IF YOU CAN SERVE A COUPLE OF HOURS CALL PAT THE CHURCH OFFICE (744-3239). WE WILL IN RETURN CONTACT YOU.

IN CHRISTIAN LOVE,
Bill Franklin and Charlie Hatten

P.S. WE STILL NEED FOOD DONATIONS. DROP THEM OFF ANY TIME THAT THE CHURCH IS OPEN.

<u>DATE:</u> <i>AUGUST 23, 1998</i>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>NEEDS</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>GIVING</u>
SUNDAY SCHOOL	N/A	\$ 3,523.88	\$ 2,392.00
WORSHIP	180	\$ 123,335.80	\$ 101,920.93
YEAR - TO - DATE	142		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

GINNY BROWN
RUTH STONE

BOTH LADIES ARE AT HOME AND WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR PRAYERS AND CARDS.

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

I.Q. ON PROVERBS:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. "THE FOOL'S" | (PROV. 12:15) |
| 2. "THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSORS" | (PROV. 13:15) |
| 3."CONSENT THOU NOT" | (PROV.1:10) |
| 4. THE ANTS | (PROV. 6:6-8) |
| 5. JEALOUSY | (SONG OF
SOLOMON 8:6) |

MILITARY

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. SODOM and GOMORRAH | (GEN. 19:24-28) |
| 2. MOSES | (EXOD. 17:11) |
| 3. IN THE DEFEAT OF THE AMORITES | (JOSHUA 24:12) |
| 4. THE DESTRUCTION OF PHARAOH'S ARMY IN THE RED SEA | (EXOD. 14) |
| 5. THE SON OF GOD | (REV. 19:11-21; 20:1-3) |

!!!!!! ATTENTION !!!!!

CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

WE URGE ALL THAT HAVE AN INTEREST TO SUBMIT
THEIR PLEDGE CARDS
ON OR BEFORE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1998

AS OF TODAY - SEPTEMBER 1, 1998
WE HAVE RECEIVED 23 PLEDGES
FOR A 3 YEAR TOTAL OF
\$31,133.00
TOWARD OUR
\$125,000.00
GOAL.

**SERVING SEPTEMBER 6
ELDERS**

8:15 AM

Bob Bier, Kathy Cron

10:45 AM

Charles McGrew, Judy Church

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 AM

Julia Arnold, Marty Bier,
Deloris Keebortz, Eve Gorman

10:45

Ray Stover, Linda Stover,
Carolyn Falbe, Eve Gorman

LAY READER

Marty Bier

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lori Crouter

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eve Gorman, Laura Whitworth,
Wayne Whitworth
(September 6 and 13)

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Cidings

September 16, 1998
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from the feeder. . .

The Story behind the stories:

To ask if I like birds would be about the same as asking the Pope if he is Catholic. Yes, I'll be straight forward, I love birds. Nora and I maintain bird-feeders throughout the entire year. I'm no expert, I just love birds...been watching them since I was 12.

I discovered a few years ago that birds at my feeder are a lot like people in the pews. We all need feeding, and like the birds, we all feed from the most abundant sources we can find. Thus, "the feeder" is a metaphor for the church, where we feed on the love of Christ, and the birds are reminders of ourselves, and our dependance upon God's grace.

I don't always write about birds, but I start my articles with the same title and end with the same sign-off. The birds are forgiving and let me use them to apply the scriptures, reason, traditions and personal experiences of God's Teachings.

To start you off with a little food, turn with me to Micah 6:8 and find what the Lord requires for our ministry. While you read I'll pray that you have already been to that abundant source.

And, I pray you will enjoy joining me at the feeder again as we hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Until next week, I am as always...

Feeding on the love of Christ. *Neil*



BIBLE QUIZ

BITS and PIECES

1. On what occasion did some people find frogs on their beds and in their ovens?
2. Of all the states in our union, which is the only one suggested in the Bible?
3. How long did Nebuchadnezzar eat grass as an ox?

STRICTLY MILITARY INFORMATION

1. Who was the great warrior that saw more of his enemies slain by hailstones than by the sword?
2. Who was the first P.O.W. mentioned in the Bible?
3. What man defied an entire army for 40 days to capture him?
4. What army of 185,000 was destroyed by an angel?
5. What man was not allowed to build the house of God because he had been a "Man of War"?

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUIZ ON PAGE 15

Dear Church Family...

You have nurtured me in the faith, prayed for me through thick and thin, and laughed with me through the journey. And now I am asking you to please come celebrate with me as I am ordained into the professional ministry.

I would love to extend a personal invitation to each of you, but time does not permit, so let it be known that as each of you have been in integral part of my journey in faith, your presence and prayer are requested on the 20th of September to celebrate with me.

I love you all and thank God for blessing me with your friendship.

The Indiana Region, First Christian Church of Fort Wayne and
Central Christian Church of Huntington
of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

cordially invite your presence and your prayers for the
Ordination to Christian Ministry of

Patricia Bridgewater Mullen

on

Sunday, September 20, 1998

at 4:00 P.M.

at

First Christian Church
4800 S. Calhoun
Fort Wayne IN 46807

Reception at the church following the service.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FROM ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

!!! NEEDED !!!

FOUR EACH - WEEKDAY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
TEACHERS FOR FALL SEMESTER.

THIS IS A PART- TIME POSITION OF
TEACHING CHILDREN IN THE 3rd, 4th
AND 5th GRADES IN THE "WEEKDAY RE-
LIGIOUS EDUCATION TRAILERS IN THE
FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
OR THE EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOL.

YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD, CHILDREN
AND TEACHING. A COLLEGE DEGREE
AND TEACHING BACKGROUND IS PRE-
FERRED.

CONTACT REV. VERNON GRAHAM AT
THE ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OFFICES
AT 422-3528 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU .

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SEVENTH ANNUAL
FISH and CHICKEN DINNER
ALL YOU CAN EAT
BENEFITS GO TO
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 9, 1998
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4:30 - 8:00 PM

ADULTS : \$6.00
CHILDREN: 6-10 \$4.00
CHILDREN UNDER 6 Yrs. FREE
CARRY OUT AVAILABLE

PLUS

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D.M.A. - OCTOBER 6th

CARRY-IN LUNCHEON AT
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WE ARE PLANNING A
"UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL"
PARTY TO MEET NEIL and NORA ALLEN.

LET'S BE THERE TO GREET THEM

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Watch upcoming Tidings for
October schedule.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

THE "SEWING GROUP"
IS IN NEED OF CLEAN,
USED SHEETS.
YOU MAY DROP THEM OFF AT
THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Thank you.



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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*THE 1998 CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
OFFERING TO ELIMINATE RACISM
Reconciliation Offering 1998
Eliminating Racism in North America*

RACISM - What is it and what can we do? As we, as Disciples, prepare to thoughtfully and prayerfully respond to our 1998 Reconciliation Offering to eliminate racism in North America, it is a question worth pondering.

The Reverend L. Wayne Stewart, Administrative director of Reconciliation Mission, defines racism in North America today as a deadly combination of racial bigotry and use of unbridled power.

RACIAL BIGOTRY - Is a mix of these attitudes and practices.

SEPARATION - Removing ourselves from persons who are different from us.

PREJUDICE - Toward other persons.

STEREOTYPING - A way of making sweeping judgments that do not allow fair consideration of the individual.

DEVALUING - other persons, without giving fair consideration.

Using fear as a barrier to understanding.

SCAPEGOATING, a game of blame for past or present problems or conditions.

UNBRIDLED POWER is when structures, policies, and practices systematically/institutionally exclude non-whites from the sources of real power, goods, education, jobs, and other services guaranteed to all humans.

What is the anecdote for these problems? The Gospel of Jesus Christ, which calls us to recognize the sin of racism in our midst, repent, and be reconciled to one another, gives us a good beginning.

Reconciliation Mission in our church is working to help Disciples address the sin of racism through projects that develop cross-cultural understanding and get people talking to one another and working together. These projects, through churches, regions, and churchwide focus, include educational events, listening sessions, interracial dialogues, covenant relationships between Anglo and racial ethnic churches and events that bring churches together with their communities.

Disciples Reconciliation mission, through our 1998 Reconciliation Offering, serves the entire church by providing help and resources to make Reconciliation projects possible. Your support is critical to this ministry. **GIVE GENEROUSLY!**

**GIVE GENEROUSLY... TO HELP YOUR CHURCH
ELIMINATE THE ROOT CAUSES OF
RACISM IN OUR SOCIETY.**

RECONCILIATION

THE PLACE WHERE ALL OF US BECOME ONE.

I Corinthians 11: 17-34

AREA
ASSEMBLY
NOVEMBER 1st
MARION IN

WATCH FUTURE TIDINGS FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION.

OTHERS

Lord help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer shall be for - OTHERS.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I'd do for you
Must needs be done for - OTHERS.

Let "self" be crucified and slain.
and buried deep and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for - OTHERS.

And when my work on earth is done
And my new work in heaven's begun, May I forget the
crown I've worn
While thinking still of - OTHERS.

Others, Lord, yes, others,
Let this my motto be.
Help me to live for OTHERS
That I may live like THEE.

THE MEASURE OF A PERSON

NOT "How did she die?"

BUT "How did she live?"

NOT "What did he gain?"

BUT "What did he give?"

NOT "What was her station?"

BUT "Had she a heart?"

and "How did she play her God given part?"

NOT "What did the piece in the newspaper say?"

BUT "How many were sorry when he passed away?"

Was he/she ever ready with a word of good cheer?

To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

These are the units to measure the worth

Of a person as a person, regardless of birth.

The way is long - let us go together.

The way is difficult - let us help each other.

The way is joyful - let us share it.

The way is ours alone - let us go in love.

The way is open before us - let us begin.

!!!!!! ATTENTION !!!!!

HEAR YE !! HEAR YE !!
 ON OCTOBER 4, 1998
 JANICE WAGNER
 MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR
 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - FORT WAYNE
 WILL MAKE HER "OFFICIAL DEBUT"

SHE IS NOW ONE OF US - LET'S GIVE HER A BIG WELCOME!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Children's Worship need adult helpers (greeters). This would be during the 10:45 AM Worship Service. The greeter is not asked to teach - ONLY to provide loving assistance as the children participate in worship. A greeter would ordinarily be asked to serve one Sunday every 4-6 weeks depending upon the number of people willing to assist. A short (1-1/2 hours) training session is required and will be scheduled soon. Please call Teresa Hatten this week at 447-2649 to volunteer for this very rewarding ministry.

<u>DATE: AUGUST 23, 1998</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS</u>	<u>ACTUAL GIVING</u>
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UP-COMING
VERY SPECIAL SUNDAY

Our very special Sunday is
October 4th.

This will be
Ordination Sunday for
Neil W. Allen

There will be one worship service at 10:00 am FOR EVERYONE
with Church School at 9:00 am.

Please plan now to attend this very special happening at
First Christian Church.

Show our new friends
Neil and Nora
how much we care.

CALLING ALL DING-A-LINGS

If you are already a Ding-A-Ling or you are a
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the singing at
Choir Practice which starts at 7:00 PM.



!!!! FCC WANTS YOU !!!!

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER 19th Hatten - McBride Wedding - 6:00 PM Chapel
- SEPTEMBER 20th - Ordination of Patricia Mullen 4:00PM -
Followed by reception in Fellowship Hall
- SEPTEMBER 20th - NO STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY
- SEPTEMBER 21st - Tuesday - Sewing Group
- SEPTEMBER 23rd - Mom's On A Mission - 1:00 PM
- SEPTEMBER 24th - ADVENTURE CLUB RETURNS WITH NEW HOURS
3:45 - 5:00 PM EACH THURSDAY
- SEPTEMBER 24th - Bell Practice - 5:30 PM - Come and be a Ding-A-Ling
- SEPTEMBER 24th - Choir Practice - 7:00 PM - Come and join us.
- SEPTEMBER 25th - Wedding Rehearsal
- SEPTEMBER 26th Vash - McBride Wedding - 5:30 PM
- SEPTEMBER 27th - RECONCILIATION SUNDAY
- SEPTEMBER 27th - Stewardship Bible Study
- SEPTEMBER 30th - Mom's On a Mission - 1:00 PM
- OCTOBER 1st - Adventure Club - 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM
- OCTOBER 1st - Bell Practice - 5:30 PM
- OCTOBER 1st - Choir Practice - 7:00 PM
- OCTOBER 4th - First Choir Performance under direction of Janice Wagner
Plus
Installation of Pastor Neil Allen



PLEASE PRAY FOR
JOAN FRANKLIN
WHO HAD SURGERY ON MONDAY.
JOAN IS HOME AND DOING GREAT.

Also please remember all of our friends
that are not able to be with us at
worship on Sunday.

PLEASE BE PRESENT FOR WORSHIP AND MAKE OUR GUEST ORGANIST FEEL WELCOME

HERB NECHTERLING
WILL BE PLAYING FOR US ON SEPT. 20, 27 AND OCTOBER 4th.

THANK YOU

DEAR FAMILY and FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THANKS FOR THE CALL TO BECOME YOUR NEW PASTOR. I'M EXCITED AND NERVOUS AND FAITHFULLY HOPEFUL. YOU ARE A CHURCH WITH A RICH HISTORY AND UNPARALLELED ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITHIN OUR DENOMINATION. I JUST PRAY I CAN HELP YOU CONTINUE THOSE GREAT TRADITIONS.

NORA AND I WERE DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH ALL OF THE LOVELY WORDS AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO WELCOME US. WE FILL OURSELVES TO THE BRIM ON YOUR KINDNESS. MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST CONTINUE TO FILL US.

YOURS IN CHRIST.

Neil W. Allen

!!!!!! ATTENTION !!!!!

CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

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THEIR PLEDGE CARDS

AS OF - SEPTEMBER 16, 1998
34 PLEDGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
FOR A 3 YEAR TOTAL OF
\$48,793.00 TOWARD OUR
\$125,000.00
GOAL.

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. EXODUS - 8: 3,6
3. SEVEN YEARS

BITS and PIECES

2. ARK-AN-SAW "NOAH LOOKED OUT
THE ARK AND SAW.

STRICTLY MILITARY

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. JOSHUA (JOSHUA 10:11) | 2. LOT (GEN. 14:12) |
| 3. GOLIATH (I SAM. 17:1-8, 16) | 4. THE ASSYRIAN ARMY
(II KINGS 19:35) |
| 5. DAVID (I CORN. 28:3) | |

**SERVING SEPTEMBER 20
ELDERS**

8:15 AM

ANNE MOLL, BILL FRANKLIN

10:45 AM

MARLO QUICK, CHARLES HATTEN

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 AM

*JULIA ARNOLD, MARTY BIER,
DELORIS KEEBORTZ, EVE GORMAN*

10:45

*LORI VANDERGRIFF, LINDA DECK,
CHRISTI DECK, EVE GORMAN,
RAY STOVER, LINDA STOVER,
LARRY BREY, SUE BREY*

LAY READER

MARTY BIER

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at the feeder again, . . .

Leland Book calls Common House Sparrows "Flying Mice". He hates mice. While I like Leland, and enjoyed him as neighbor and church elder, I can't say I agree with him.

Sparrows, I argue with Leland, are opportunistic feeders, abundant, and full of life. They are always ready to sing a wondrous story, and love to congregate and chatter at the feeder. Sparrows enjoy a full feeder or the runoff from a combine. They are not picky eaters. Whatever is offered, they take joyfully. They're hardy, prolific, humble in dress, and when they get together, it is hard to mistake them from anything other than a bunch of sparrows.

Sparrows are the perfect metaphor for the church folks at First Christian.

"Why?", you ask.

BECAUSE I CAN'T TELL THEM
APART FROM A DISTANCE !
THAT'S WHY!

Until next time, I'm moving in for
a closer view, and as always
I'm . . .

Feeding on the love of Christ.

Neil



BIBLE QUIZ

PERSON, PLACE, or THING

Check correct response for each

	Person	Place	Thing
1.	ZOBEBAH		
2.	REHUM		
3.	NISAN		
4.	HUZZAB		
5.	SAREPTA		

THINK TWICE

1. How many times is the Dead Sea mentioned in the Bible?
2. Whose daughter was Noah?
3. What was the largest catch of fish recorded in the Bible?
4. Which was the older brother - Moses or Aaron?
5. What Bible character was given a "ham" at the age of 99 years?

STOMP OUT HUNGER

WHAT: Crop Walk '98

WHEN Sunday, October 11
Registration 1:30 - 2 PM
(Pick up your Registration Forms
October 4th in Fellowship
Hall)

WHERE Franke Part
5-mile neighborhood walk
2-mile handicapped-
accessible course in park.

WHY To benefit hunger programs
worldwide and locally.

We Walk Because They Walk

The Associated Churches will again host this year's CROP WALK, an outreach arm of Church World Service.

Church World Service sponsors programs to treat the causes of malnutrition and hunger worldwide. CWS stocks local food pantries and helps third world peoples gain self-sufficiency.

CWS is also there in crisis. From famines to floods, from North Korea to North Dakota, CWS is there to offer assistance and comfort to families in need.

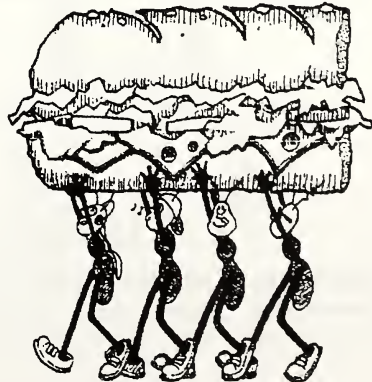
Funds and food items raised by neighborhood CROP WALKS go to these programs.

You can help. Organize a group of friends to walk, or sponsor a walker. Your support makes all the difference.

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Please come and join us on  
October 11

after second worship service for an all church picnic at Franke Park. All food and serving items are being furnished. Just bring your appetites and come for the good eats and fellowship. There will be a Sign-Up Sheet in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 4th to let us know how many are planning to attend. We will have fun and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please call Charlie Hatten at 447-2649, or Christi Deck at 422-7819



# What's Happening?

!!!! NOTICE !!!!

The Whole People of God Sunday School Class is meeting in the East end of the Parlor at 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Come join this growing class as they study lectionary-based scripture. The class is lead by Charlie Hatten, John and Diane Bohlen.

## BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP WORKDAY

Saturday, October 3, 1998

9:00 am to 3:00 PM

There are many things that require attention. Please contact the FCC office at 744-3239 for additional information regarding this very important workday.

Snacks and beverages will be available at registration. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

Most of the items that need to be done can be down by youth, females and males.

CAMP BARBEE NEEDS YOU  
on October 3rd.



Pastor Allen takes advantage of his congregation's lack of knowledge of the Greek language.



## REMINDER

Grace St. John's  
Art and Craft Festival  
4120 S. Webster

Fort Wayne  
745-4951

Saturday, October 10th  
9:00 am - 4:00 PM

Lunch Catered by  
Iglesia Cristiana

SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE

Wood Crafts  
Ceramics  
Wheat Weaving  
Bavarian Wax Art  
Soft Sculptures  
Bake Sale  
Christmas Crafts  
and  
Much, Much More

## D.M.A. - OCTOBER 6th

CARRY-IN LUNCHEON AT  
NOON IN  
FELLOWSHIP HALL.

WE ARE PLANNING A  
"UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL"  
PARTY TO MEET NEIL and NORA ALLEN.

LET'S BE THERE TO GREET THEM

MOM's ON A MISSION

MOM's ON A MISSION PRESENTED BY  
BECCA WIDMER AT  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT  
1:00 PM  
Each Wednesday

SEVENTH ANNUAL  
FISH and CHICKEN DINNER  
ALL YOU CAN EAT  
BENEFITS GO TO  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 9, 1998  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
4:30 - 8:00 PM

ADULTS : \$6.00  
CHILDREN: 6-10 \$4.00  
CHILDREN UNDER 6 Yrs. FREE  
CARRY OUT AVAILABLE  
PLUS SILENT AUCTION

## *YOUR HELP IS NEEDED*

THE "SEWING GROUP"  
IS IN NEED OF CLEAN,  
USED SHEETS.  
PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT  
THE CHURCH OFFICE.

*Thank you.*

*thank you*

WOW!! It has been a little over a week since my Ordination at First Christian Church and my feet are just now beginning to touch the ground. How can I begin to thank all of you who had such an integral part in making it the most special of days. I wish to thank all of you who participated in the ceremony, all who made the reception possible, all who came to share in the celebration and especially all who offered prayers on my behalf.

As Disciples of Christ we take seriously the mandate that we are a priesthood of all believers. We understand that each of us is called to ministry in one form or another and that God enables those ministries with the gift of the Holy Spirit. It was an honor for so many of you to come and confirm and validate my particular gifts for ministry.

I thank you all for being witnesses upon my faith journey, witnesses to the loving grace of God in which we firmly stand.

Reverend Patricia Bridgewater Mullen  
your friend Patti

THE FOLLOWING CARD WAS RECEIVED AT FCC:



*Ten little fingers  
and ten little toes,  
The sweetest of smiles  
and a cute little nose,  
All these add up  
to the same precious thing -  
A baby - the greatest of gifts  
life can bring!*

Valerie Rose Vandergriff  
was born on Friday, September 25, 1998  
at 6:02 am.

Her weight was 6 lbs 14 ozs and she was 19-3/4 inches long.

Daddy Estel, Mama Lori and  
Big Sister Paige are all doing great.

### SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT

A very special DOUBLE EVENT is coming up in December. Our Walk to Bethlehem will be on December 11 & 12. More information will be available at a later date.

Also with the Walk to Bethlehem, FCC will be having a Nativity Display with Nativity Sets from all over the world. Neil asks that you loan FCC your Nativity set for these two days. Please mark them and bring them to the church office on Friday, December 11th before 5 PM. Also needed for this very special display are white sheets, candles in holders or votive cups (no tapers please). Any of these items that you would like to loan would be appreciated. Please mark everything that you bring in on the 11th, so that all of your items may be returned to you.

If you have any of the above items to loan to FCC for these two days, please contact church office, 744-3239. Variety is what we are looking for.



West Creighton Avenue Christian church  
Invites you to join them for the  
Induction of Senior Pastor  
Michael Sinclair

on  
Sunday, October 11, 1998  
at  
3:00 PM.

845 West Creighton Avenue  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Michael was born in Kingston, Jamaica and was ordained in  
May, 1988 by the United Theological college of the  
West Indies  
who is in partnership with the Disciples of Christ

There will be a reception immediately following the service so please come down  
and greet Michael.

For additional information  
contact West Creighton Avenue Church at  
744-4950

Gini Brown's daughters, Lea and Barb, extend a huge thank you  
to each and every one for their kindness, prayers, visits, food,  
cards and love shown to their mother during this very difficult  
time of illness.

It is with sorrow in our hearts that we tell you of Gini's death.  
She passed away on Monday, September 28, 1998. Our prayers  
go to her family, friends and loved ones.

AREA  
ASSEMBLY  
NOVEMBER 1st  
MARION IN

WATCH FUTURE TIDINGS FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION.

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*Grace St. John's United Church of Christ  
and the Northeast Association  
of the Indiana/Kentucky conference  
of the United Church of Christ  
invite you to attend the*

*Installation of  
REVEREND JULIA ANN GOODALL*

Sunday, October 25, 1998  
at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Grace St John's United Church of Christ  
4120 South Webster Street  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46807

Reception following in the Green Room

All clergy are invited to robe and process at the beginning  
of the worship service. Red stoles, please.

Please gather in the lounge 20 minutes prior to the service to robe  
and line up.

For additional information please contact Grace St John's office at  
745-4951

# !!!!!! ATTENTION !!!!!

HEAR YE !! HEAR YE !!

ON OCTOBER 4, 1998

JANICE WAGNER, MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH -  
FORT WAYNE WILL MAKE HER "OFFICIAL DEBUT"

SHE IS NOW ONE OF US - LET'S GIVE HER A BIG WELCOME!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Children's Worship need adult helpers (greeters). This would be during the 10:45 AM Worship Service. The greeter is not asked to teach - ONLY to provide loving assistance as the children participate in worship. A greeter would ordinarily be asked to serve one Sunday every 4-6 weeks depending upon the number of people willing to assist. A short (1-1/2 hours) training session is required and will be scheduled soon. Please call Teresa Hatten this week at 447-2649 to volunteer for this very rewarding ministry.



REMEMBER OUR  
 HOMEBOUND FRIENDS  
 PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS  
 OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES ARE:

BETHLEHEM NURSING/REHAB Ctr. \*      4430 Elsdale Drive, 46835  
 Bernice Montgomery, Room 301      \*Formally Mariners

COURTLAND HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER, 3555 Spy Run Ext. , 46805  
 Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

KINGSTON RESIDENCE, 7515 Winchester Road, 46819  
 Don & Valetta Parlette, Room 410

LUTHERAN HOME      6723 S. Anthony Blvd., 46816  
 Sara Smith, Room C356

MILLERS MERRY MANOR 5544 E. State Blvd., 46805  
 Freda Flaugh, Room 212

OSSIAN HEALTH Care      215 Davis Road, Ossian IN 46777  
 Dorothy Green, Room 301A

RIVERBEND, 7519 Winchester Road, 46819  
 Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

RENAISSANCE VILLAGE,      650 S. 800 E-92, 46804  
 Kathryn Banet, Room 218

ST. ANNE'S NURSING HOME,      1900 Randalia Drive, 46805  
 Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-b

TOWNHOUSE HEALTH CENTER,      2209 St. Joe Center Road, 46825  
 Lola Miller, Room 201

AT HOME:

|                                              |       |                            |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| <u>Emma Phillips,</u>                        | 1737  | Godfrey Road, 46819        |
| <u>Lila Russell,</u>                         | 3936  | Irene Court, 46808         |
| <u>Coleen Wilcoxson &amp; Orda Glentzer,</u> | 746   | Candlelite Court, 46807    |
| <u>Charles Wrisk,</u>                        | 259   | E. Sherwood Terrace, 46807 |
| <u>Andy Cook,</u>                            | 11335 | Gongwer Drive, 46845       |
| <u>Lucille Branstrator,</u>                  | 9721  | Coverdale Road, 46809      |

# VERY SPECIAL SUNDAY

October 4th.

This will be

Ordination Sunday for

Neil W. Allen

There will be one worship service at 10:00 am FOR EVERYONE  
with Church School at 9:00 am.

Please plan now to attend this very special happening at  
First Christian Church.

October 4th is also

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

A reception immediately following the service will be in Fellowship Hall.  
Art G. Vermillion, Associate Regional Minister,  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana  
will be officiating.

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the singing at Choir Practice which starts at  
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!!!! FCC WANTS YOU !!!!

## “CHILDREN and WORSHIP”

Training is being offered through Homeland Ministries in cooperation with regions and local churches.

“When they (children) learn to enter the stories and meet God, they have a tool for living and discovering meaning in any place at any time.”

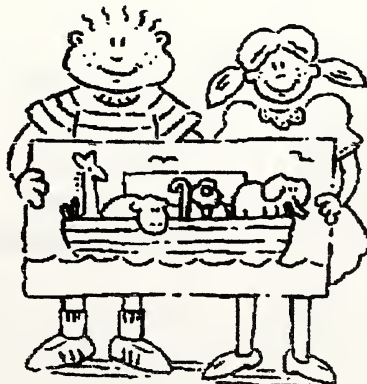
*(Young Children and Worship, Pg 26)*

“Children and Worship” is not a new Christian Education program, technique or curriculum. “Children and Worship” is a way of entering into the stories of God with children. It is a way of helping children to learn about God as they, and you, worship and praise God. If you need to know more about this way of doing faith formation with children, that is Bible story based and one in a worship context, you may contact:

Teresa Hatten, Leader/Trainer  
Children and Worship

5128 Standish Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806  
219/447-2649  
CVHTAH@aol.com

Kaye S. Edwards  
Associate for Family &  
Childrens Ministry  
Homeland Ministries  
P. O. Box 1986  
Indianapolis IN 46206-1986  
317/635-3113 ext. 342  
317/634-4426 FAX  
888-DHM-2631 - Toll Free Line  
keywards@dhm.disciples.org







PLEASE SAY A VERY SPECIAL  
PRAYER FOR GINI BROWN, HER FAMILY  
AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Also please remember all of our friends  
that are not able to be with us at  
worship on Sunday.

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THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU

A very special THANK YOU to everyone that took part in the organization,  
serving, decorations, preparing food or which ever important task you were asked  
to preform.

It takes a lot of people doing a lot of different jobs to obtain the beautiful results  
the we obtained for the wonderful reception that we had for Pat Mullen.

Your help was greatly appreciated.

*Linda Deck*

Kris Ohneck  
Sue Brey  
Anne Moll  
Mindy Deck  
Sally Rudy

Judy Mey  
Larry Brey  
Roger Moll  
Christ's Deck  
Pat Barnes

Judy Church  
Eve Gorman  
Diane Mory  
Lori Crouter  
George Bruckman

Donna Heimann  
Robin Evans  
Joan Franklin  
Lori Vandergriff

!!!!!! ATTENTION !!!!!

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THEIR PLEDGE CARDS

AS OF - SEPTEMBER 29, 1998  
41 PLEDGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED  
FOR A 3 YEAR TOTAL OF  
\$ 61,363.00 TOWARD OUR  
\$125,000.00  
GOAL.

Bible Quiz Answers

### ANSWERS

PERSON, PLACE or THING?

1. Person ( I Chron. 4:8)
2. Person (Ezra 2:2)
3. Thing (Month - Neh. 2:1)
4. Place (Nah. 2:7)
5. Place (Luke 4:26)

THINK TWICE

1. None. It was called "Salt Sea".  
Mentioned nine times as such.
2. Zelophehad's (Num. 26:33)
3. 153 (John 21:11)
4. Aaron (Ex. 7:7)
5. Abram - HAM (Gen. 17:5)

**SERVING - OCTOBER 4**  
**ONE SERVICE FOR ALL**  
**10:00 AM**

**ELDERS**

*Anne Moll, Eunice Conrad*

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

*Julia Arnold, Marty Bier, Deloris Keebortz*

*Ray Stover, Linda Stover,*

*Joan Franklin, Carolyn Falbe*

*Eve Gorman*

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Tim Knuckles, Eve Gorman

**REMEMBER ONE SERVICE**

**NEIL W. ALLEN'S**

**INSTALLATION**

**10:00 AM**

*(Church School 9:00 am)*

*Senior Pastor*

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# Tidings

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fort Wayne IN 46807

Volume 55, Number 39,

October 14, 1998

## *At the Feeder Again:*

The feeder bins are empty, stuffed away at the rear of the garage, awaiting feed and placement. They'll have to wait their turn. Boxes still litter the dining room and extra bedroom, just as the movers left them a few days ago. The grass needs mowing and the bushes trimmed. The faucet in the bathroom is leaking...gosh, I love being a home-owner! There are so many things to consider, to fix and fiddle. I scribble a quick note to myself: prioritize!

The birds must be wondering if they're at the bottom of the list.

But the weather is changing, and soon the feeders will need attention. The people that owned our home before us fed the birds. The jays and the chickadees will be expecting and demanding food come snow-fall.

The sparrows and the cardinals will fly in looking for public assistance any day. Just the other day, as I moved about near the feeder picking up sticks, I saw a wren looking at me with wondering eyes. I've got to get on with things...but there's so much to do...so much to learn...so many things I haven't found from moving...prioritize! prioritize!

The Bible falls open to the scripture, "Consider the birds of the fields..." It is supposed to be a simple thought of trusting God and believing in God's ability to provide. It is supposed to be a meditation to teach disciples about reducing their anxiety and increasing their faith. However, when I remember those words, "consider the birds..." and I'm filled with anxiety...If I could just get a few more days in the week, I'd catch up! I promise I would.,

Continued on Page



Continued from Pg 1

Priorities, anxiety, birds, people, ministries...these thoughts fly around in my tummy in a hummingbird frenzy. I keep hearing God saying, "It'll be alright, just chill out." (I'll bet you never thought God used the words, "chill-out.") I'm trying not to be so anxious, but the feeders are empty and the hungry just keep coming.

Note to self: One thing at a time...one thing at a time. Breathe in through the nose and out through the mouth. Consider the birds...

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

Pastor Allen continues his sermon series  
"The Fruits of the Spirit"

Pastor Allen's office hours are 8:00 am  
to 12 Noon, Monday thru Thursday.

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New Address and telephone numbers:

Neil and Nora Allen  
6724 Lakewood Court  
Ft Wayne IN 46819

HOME: 747-3651  
PAGER: 480-4418  
EMAIL: Pending

### On My Soap Box...

Legalized gambling is obscene and dangerous. The state should not be sanctioning this activity, regardless of how much revenue it provides.

WHY? (from an old report I read) Increased crime rates in all states with legalized gambling (2.5%). Increased number of obsessive gamblers with no state funded program to assist the people addicted to gambling. Windfall tax surplus. If we have too much, we do not need to work so hard to bring it in. By the way, none of our congress has suggested we cut back on the lottery. Lotteries and gambling affects people of lower income the most. It uses resources they need for sustenance, and the state sanctioned advertisements continue to lure people into the games.

Media coverage of Mega-Millions creates a feeding-frenzy, increasing the lure into addiction.

I call for unbiased state-funded studies into gambling related crime, family disputes, deaths, violence, and especially the effects on children.

## BIBLE QUIZ

### WHAT AM I ?????

1.
  - A Once Moses built an altar under me.
  - B Sometimes I dwell in the city and sometimes the country. Sometimes I am Holy as well as high.
  - C Isaiah and Luke both said that I should be made low some day.
  - D Jesus said that a city which is set on me cannot be hid.
  
2.
  - A I once prevailed in loosening seven seals and in opening a book.
  - B The devil who seeks to ensnare and destroy mankind is said to be like me when I walk about hunting something to eat.
  - C Righteous people are said to be as bold as I am.
  - D Along with a bear, David once killed me for stealing his father's sheep.
  
3.
  - A The part I play in the daily lives of people is important.
  - B Once a group of people fleeing from oppression received me from God in the form of manna.
  - C Jesus said that when a son had need of me, what father would give him a stone?
  - D Jesus also said that man shall not live by me alone, but by every word which comes from the mouth of God. He referred to me in the Lord's Prayer.

Answers on Page 5





# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Let's Go Bowling !!!

**Fun** - Fellowship -  
Getting Acquainted

Pastor wants to have some Party-Hearty-  
Party Time.

Meet us at the church -  
Sunday, October 18th  
at 1:00 PM

Lanes are reserved. They are waiting for  
us.



TAILGATE PARTY  
to Kick-Off  
Stewardship Campaign

Sunday, October 25th

5 - 7 PM

GOOD FOOD

FUN

PRIZES

HAUNTED CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP

BOOK FAIR Friday, October 23 through Thursday, October 29

Risen Saviour Lutheran Church presents the Augsburg Fortress Book Fair, and opportunity to share a wonderful selection of books that speak to your faith and your family. For hours and additional information call FCC office at 744-3239.

## Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday Twice!

Charles and Bernice Schnobel  
will be celebrating their 50th  
wedding anniversary on  
Friday, October 16th.

They are on a cruise and will  
retake their marriage vows on  
board the ship. How wonderful!

Then on Saturday the 31st Charles  
and Bernice will celebrate their  
birthdays - both on the same day -  
both in the same year.

Do they know how to celebrate and  
remember dates or what!!

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
and may you have 50  
more wonderful years together.

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THE "SEWING GROUP"  
IS IN NEED OF CLEAN,  
USED SHEETS.  
PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT  
THE CHURCH OFFICE.

*Thank you.*

## RETIREMENT

The Reverend Dr. Art Vermillion  
has announced his retirement in  
April of 1999.

He is currently Associate Regional  
Minister area Minister for the Northern  
Lights and was the official at the  
installation of our very own  
Pastor Neil Allen.

## BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

*from page 3*

1. Hill (Psalms 68; 43. Exodus 24.  
Luke 3; Matthew 5)
2. Lion (Revelation 5. I Peter 5.  
Proverbs 28. I Samuel  
17)
3. Bread (Matthew 7. Exodus 16.  
Matthew 4)



# What's Happening?

CONTINUED...

## WORLD CONVENTION of CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Brisbane, Australia

August, 2000

Christian Churches, Churches of  
Christ and Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ) will meet every  
two years to work toward unity. Reg-  
istration and information available in  
the church office.

A heartfelt thank you to our  
church family and staff. Your  
cards, concerns and prayers  
were appreciated during  
Mom's lengthy illness.

She is doing much better.

Sue Brickley

## Meeting...

A meeting will be held on  
Monday, October 26th at  
7 PM to continue the plans  
for our upcoming

**DOUBLE EVENT**  
The Walk to Bethlehem  
and  
The Nativity Display

The following items are needed:

Old Blankets - brown, black, tan  
beige, etc. **WILL**  
**NOT BE RETURNED.**  
**WILL BE CUT UP.**

Fabric - muslin, knits for table cover-  
ing, sheets.

Rope - twine, jute

Mark your calendars now for  
this wonderful holiday celebration

December  
11 and 12  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



You are cordially invited to a performance of  
"WHY DARKNESS SEEMS SO LIGHT"  
Young People Speak Out About Violence

October 22 at 7:00 PM - North Side High School  
Presented as part of  
YWCA WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE - OCTOBER 18-24

This moving play, based on writings of Fort Wayne youth, paints a portrait of violence in our community - AS IT IS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR CHILDREN.

Admission to this play is free thanks to generous sponsors. For more information and tickets, please contact Sue Hiatt at 219/424-4908, Ext. 254.

### SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT

A very special DOUBLE EVENT is coming up in December. Our Walk to Bethlehem will be on December 11 & 12.

Also with the Walk to Bethlehem, FCC will be having a Nativity Display with Nativity Sets from all over the world. Neil asks that you loan FCC your Nativity set for these two days. Please mark them and bring them to the church office on Friday, December 11th before 5 PM. Also needed for this very special display are white sheets, candles in holders or votive cups (no tapers please). Any of these items that you would like to loan would be appreciated. Please mark everything that you bring in on the 11th, so that all of your items may be returned to you.

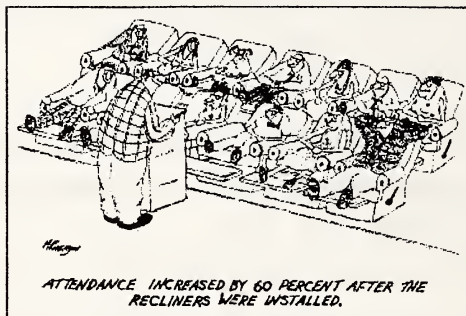
If you have any of the above items to loan to FCC for these two days, please contact church office, 744-3239. Variety is what we are looking for.

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## Elder Emeritus

On Wednesday, October 7th, Don Parlette was awarded an "Elder Emeritus Pin" for his many years of devoted service and love to First Christian Church.

Don and his wife Valetta have been members here since September 8, 1969.



### Advice to Those Who Rush Through Life - - -

Take time to think ~thoughts are the source of power.  
Take time to play ~play is the secret to perpetual youth.  
Take time to read ~reading is the fountain of wisdom.  
Take time to pray ~prayer can be the rock of strength in time of trouble.  
Take time to love ~loving is what makes living worthwhile.  
Take time to be friendly ~friendships give life a delicious flavor.  
Take time to laugh ~laughter is the music of the soul.  
Take time to give ~any day of the year is too short for selfishness.  
Take time to do your work well ~pride in your work, no matter what it is, nourishes the ego and the spirit.  
Take time to show appreciation ~thanks is the frosting on the cake of life!





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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

|            |            |                               |                |
|------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Saturday,  | October 17 | Christian Ed Meeting          | 9:00 AM        |
| Sunday,    | October 18 | Bowling Party                 | 1:00 PM        |
| Tuesday,   | October 20 | Rachel Circle                 | 9:30 AM        |
| Wednesday, | October 21 | Mom's On a Mission            | 1 - 2:30 PM    |
|            |            | Project Reads Parent Training |                |
|            |            | Dinner                        | 5:00 PM        |
|            |            | Training                      | 6 - 8:00 PM    |
| Thursday,  | October 22 | Adventure Club                | 3:45 - 5:00 PM |
|            |            | Bell Practice                 | 5:45 PM        |
|            |            | Choir Practice                | 7:00 PM        |
| Friday,    | October 23 | Wedding Rehearsal             | 7:00 PM        |
| Saturday,  | October 24 | Wedding                       | 6:30 PM        |
| Sunday,    | October 25 | Tailgate Party -              |                |
|            |            | Stewardship Kick-Off          | 5 - 7:00 PM    |
| Monday,    | October 26 | Walk to Bethlehem Mtg.        | 7:00 PM        |
| Tuesday,   | October 27 | Sewing Group                  | 9:00 AM        |
| Wednesday, | October 28 | Mom's On A Mission            | 1 - 2:30 PM    |
| Thursday,  | October 29 | Adventure Club                | 3:45 - 5:00 PM |
|            |            | Bell Practice                 | 5:45 PM        |
|            |            | Choir Practice                | 7:00 PM        |
| Saturday,  | October 31 | HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!             |                |



NORTHERN LIGHTS  
AREA ASSEMBLY - NOVEMBER 1st -  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - MARION, IN  
1970 N. Wabash Road

Plans are under way for a mass choir plus Christian Women's Fellowship will be serving dinner after the business meeting and assembly program. Reservations should be made and a \$5.00 charge per meal is being asked for. Make meal reservations at (765)664-1221.

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*Grace St. John's United Church of Christ  
and the Northeast Association  
of the Indiana/Kentucky conference  
of the United Church of Christ  
invite you to attend the*

*Installation of  
REVEREND JULIA ANN GOODALL*

Sunday, October 25, 1998  
at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Grace St John's United Church of Christ  
4120 South Webster Street  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46807

Reception following in the Green Room

All clergy are invited to robe and process at the beginning of the worship service. Red stoles, please.  
Please gather in the lounge 20 minutes prior to the service to robe and line up.  
For additional information please contact Grace St John's office at 745-4951



REMEMBER OUR  
HOMEBOUND FRIENDS  
*PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS  
OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES ARE:*

BETHLEHEM NURSING/REHAB Ctr. \*      4430 Elsdale Drive, 46835  
Bernice Montgomery, Room 301      \*Formerly Mariners

COURTLAND HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER, 3555 Spy Run Ext. , 46805  
Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

KINGSTON RESIDENCE, 7515 Winchester Road, 46819  
Don & Valetta Parlette, Room 410

LUTHERAN HOME      6723 S. Anthony Blvd., 46816  
Sara Smith, Room C356

MILLERS MERRY MANOR 5544 E. State Blvd., 46805  
Freda Flaugh, Room 212

OSSIAN HEALTH Care      215 Davis Road, Ossian IN 46777  
Dorothy Green, Room 301A

RIVERBEND, 7519 Winchester Road, 46819  
Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

RENAISSANCE VILLAGE,      650 S. 800 E-92, 46804  
Kathryn Banet, Room 218

ST. ANNE'S NURSING HOME,      1900 Randalia Drive, 46805  
Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-b

TOWNHOUSE HEALTH CENTER,      2209 St. Joe Center Road, 46825  
Lola Miller, Room 201

AT HOME:

|                                   |       |                            |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| Emma Phillips,                    | 1737  | Godfrey Road, 46819        |
| Lila Russell,                     | 3936  | Irene Court, 46808         |
| Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, | 746   | Candlelite Court, 46807    |
| Charles Wrisk,                    | 259   | E. Sherwood Terrace, 46807 |
| Andy Cook,                        | 11335 | Gongwer Drive, 46845       |
| Lucille Branstrator,              | 9721  | Coverdale Road, 46809      |

## *Welcome*

Janice Wagner became, not only the newest staff member, but the newest member of the church on October 4th. Janice joins us from her most recent church position as choir director for the Auburn Presbyterian Church. She transfers her membership from Toledo, Hampton Park Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Janice is excited to get three youth choirs up and going, as well as continue the current course for Bells (need additional ringers!), and Chancel Choir (can always use more singers.) The Chancel Choir is scheduled to sing at the Area Assembly in Marion on November 1, and members of the choir will join forces with the Grace St. John's Choir to install Julia Goodall as Senior Minister on October 25th.

Welcome Janice. Blessing to the Choirs!



## Thank you...

A warm welcome for the Allens was held in the Fellowship Hall on October 6th. Birds decorated the head table, and a not-so-foul meal was served pot-luck style.

Pastor says, "Hey, I like it! When do we eat again." He was heard to comment: "The only confusing thing about the meeting was the total disregard for their name. DMA means "Don't Mention Age" but they mentioned it often!"

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P.S. Sandi also sends her thanks for all of the great food. This was her first time to attend the DMA luncheon and she really enjoyed herself.

She will be back!

Thanks again.

"Some people come into our lives and quietly go. Others stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same"

“CHILDREN and WORSHIP”

Training is being offered through Homeland Ministries in cooperation with regions and local churches.

“When they (children) learn to enter the stories and meet God, they have a tool for living and discovering meaning in any place at any time.”

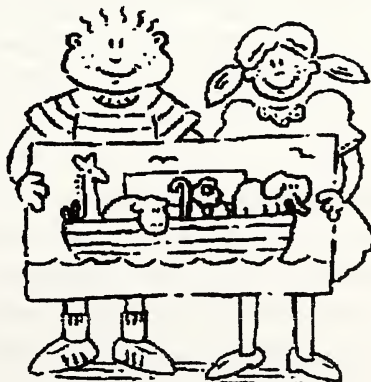
(Young Children and Worship, Pg 26)

“Children and Worship” is not a new Christian Education program, technique or curriculum. “Children and Worship” is a way of entering into the stories of God with children. It is a way of helping children to learn about God as they, and you, worship and praise God. If you need to know more about this way of doing faith formation with children, that is Bible-story based and one in a worship context, you may contact:

Teresa Hatten, Leader/Trainer
Children and Worship

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Associate for Family &
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keywords@dhm.disciples.org



1998 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The 1998 Stewardship Campaign actually started on September 13 when our not-yet-installed pastor first mentioned that God wants us to give of our first fruits and not our leftovers. The Stewardship committee prayed to God for guidance and direction. God has placed it upon our hearts to spend a few weeks educating the congregation on why we give and to whom we are giving. Then, we will come together in an act of community worship to consecrate our gifts to God's work here at First Christian Church. Following the worship service we will have a celebration dinner where we will come together as a community of believers celebrating the commitments we have just made to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On Sunday, November 22 we will have one service at 10:45 AM, followed immediately by our celebration dinner.

The Stewardship Committee will not be visiting or calling you to get your estimate of giving. You will have a chance to do that during the worship service on November 22. We will be asking you to make a reservation for both the service and the dinner. We think it is important that everyone have a chance to participate in a very holy moment of consecrating our gifts to God's work here at First Christian Church. We also need to order the food and prepare a place for you at the celebration dinner. Please call the church office with your family's reservation for both the worship service and celebration dinner.

This is an exciting time at First Christian Church. We have a new leader and his enthusiasm is contagious. We are busy preparing Sunday School lessons, arranging parts for the Walk to Bethlehem and countless other tasks. It feels good to be serving others. This is the result of the first fruit Pastor Allen spoke of last week "Agape Love." It is in serving others that we find our peace and joy. It is in our giving that we receive abundantly. We hope over the next few weeks to look at some of the reasons we give and how we can use our giving to draw us closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

CROP WALK

What a beautiful day for a 5 mile walk we had on Sunday, October 11. Everyone had a great time and there was food, fun and fellowship. Thanks to a bunch of folks from First Christian Church there will be food on the table for some people in Allen County and around the world that would have gone to bed hungry. Most of those being fed by our Food Banks are children of the working poor.

I have been involved in the CROP Walk for 11 years and this one seemed special to me. The youth group and young people who walked were great. Pastor Allen took the time on a very busy day to come out and show his support for the working poor of Fort Wayne and Allen County. The McDougles, the Franklins, Sue Allen, Kristi Deck, Lori Crouter and Teresa Hatten were the ones who registered over 500 walkers and signed up over \$20,000.00 in pledges. It was a great day for serving God and First Christian Church did her part to witness the love of Jesus Christ to the entire community of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

Charlie Hatten

West Creighton Avenue Christian Church
Annual Fall Bazaar
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - FROM 9:30 AM UNTIL 6:30 PM

Homemade Mince Meat and Apple Butter - Made by Dorellyn Grodrian - will be available. To assist Dorellyn, please place your order early by calling 744-4950. Prices are: Mince Meat 1 quart \$5.00; pint \$2.75. Apple Butter pint \$2.00.

Snack bar available from 10 AM until 1:30 - homemade vegetable soup, chili and coney dogs. Dinner will be from 4 - 6:30 pm serving beef n' noodles, hamloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, salad bar, home made pies. Price for dinner is Adults \$5.00 and children under 12 years old \$2.50. For additional information or tickets call 744-4950. Tickets also available at the door.

elder's express....

The upcoming Tailgate Party on October 25, 1998, has special significance for me. I always enjoyed Halloween as a child, of course, but as an adult I continued to anticipate the fun and excitement of "dressing up" as someone or something else, the trick or treating, the whole party atmosphere. That changed a great deal for me after my Dad became a victim of an attack in his doorway on Halloween 1994 and lost the sight in his left eye. The emphasis on Halloween for many years has been the safety of the children as they go door to door. Now, because Dad has been generous enough to open his door, he was the one who was injured.

I wrote a letter to the editor of each newspaper telling what had happened and why I supported events like our Tailgate Party. children and adults can come together in safe surroundings and enjoy all the elements of Halloween without the dangers we all fear. On October 25th, from 5 to 7 PM, there will be costumes, prizes, food, games, and then Trick or Treating from the decorated tailgates and trunks of cars in the parking lot.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, relatives, anyone at all to first Christian Church for a safe, fun-filled Halloween. Plan to attend yourself and bring lots of company.

Judy Church

PRAYER FOR SERENITY

God, grant me the serenity to
accept the things I cannot
change, the courage to
change the things I can and
the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to YOUR will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.

!!!!!! ATTENTION !!!!!

CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

WE URGE ALL THAT HAVE AN INTEREST TO SUBMIT
THEIR PLEDGE CARDS

AS OF - OCTOBER 13, 1998
PLEDGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
FOR A 3 YEAR TOTAL OF
\$ 63,735.00
TOWARD OUR
\$125,000.00
GOAL.

OCTOBER'S BRIGHT BLUE WEATHER

O suns and skies and clouds of June,
And flowers of June together, Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather;
When on the ground, red apples lie
in piles like jewels shining,
and redder still on old stone walls
Are leaves of woodbine twining;
when all the lovely wayside things
Their white-winged seeds are sowing,
And in the fields, still green and fair,
Late aftermaths are growing;
O sun and skies and flowers of June,
Count all your boasts together,
Love loveth best of all the year
October's bright blue weather.

SERVING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

ELDERS

8:15

Kris Ohneck, Bob Bier

10:45

Jean McGrew, Ron Wise

DIACONATE

8:15

Julia Arnold, Brenda Proegler

Deloris Keebortz

10:45

Carolyn Falbe, George Cole,
Joan Franklin, Laura Whitworth,

Wayne Whitworth, Ray Stover

Linda Stover, Eve Gorman

LAY READER

Dick Mory

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Roger Moll, Katie Moll,

Lori Crouter

Senior Pastor,

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Tidings

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Volume 55, Number 40,

At the feeder again,

I've heard it said that "birds of a feather flock together." To that I say, HA!" Obviously the individual that penned that dribble has never witnessed robins in the springtime. I have it on personal record that robin-on-robin crimes escalate in the spring. Robins are not the only ones hostile to their fellow feathered family. Last year I witnessed a full scale Blue Jay gang war complete with much name calling and a Jay version of ethnic cleansing. It was ugly.

One of the most vicious birds in the spring is the proud and seemingly innocent cardinal. These birds are aptly dressed for springtime battles. Even the flair-feathered females go at it beak and claw.

But come wintertime reconciliation and peace prevails. I don't know where the one comes from but peace and love sweep over the blood red birds in a Christ-like miracle. Last year 14 cardinals fed at our establishment in tranquil bliss.

I

It was amazing to witness. Territorial urges and hostile words get replaced with more urgent demands. When the howling winds and blanketing snows of winter come calling, food and water needs take precedence over hostility and anger. Robins also gather in amazingly large numbers just before their migration. I once counted 53 robins on the campus of a seminary! Some birds, such as the Jay never get it...they're hostile all year long... obviously no one ever told them about that birds-and-feathers-flocking-together bunk. Obviously, no one has ever told a Jay about the meek inheriting the earth.

Outside the weather is turning. A sharp wind turned a gentle rain into barbed wire.

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First Waypoint IN 46807

October 28, 1998

Outside the weather is turning. A sharp wind turned a gentle rain into barbed wire.

All around the feeder the bird groups are gathering... all feeding on a gift meal of seed and suet...when I see this annual

miracle I get hopeful. I close my eyes and witness heaven's hope for the world.

I pray a thought, if God can work this miracle every year with a bunch of red-hot Cardinals, just think what miracles God might do with the bird-brains like me that gather each Sunday at the table of Christ...don't you just get hopeful?

As always, I am at the feeder again,

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

Feeder Tips:

Cardinals love safflower and black oil sunflower seeds. A twenty pound bag of safflower seed is about \$17.

Baby's Closet Wish-List (Why wait until Christmas?)

Baby Bathtubs

Sheets

Swings

High Chairs

T-Shirts

Diaper Pails

Towels

Car Seats

Play Pens

Misc.: Lotion, Powder, Baby Wipes, Bottles, etc.

Diapers - cloth and disposable.

The Baby's Closet is a collaborative effort of many Allen county agencies to provide incentives for moms and dads to be responsible parents.

Credits are earned by the parents participating in a variety of child care basics. Classes that help parents with self-esteem, coping skills and other parenting classes, help provide a stable home life. Further, more credits are given for parents completing G.F.D., literacy and classes that help raise their earning power and self esteem, all of which benefits the children directly and indirectly.

Your gifts to the Baby Closet are tax deductible.

WEEK OF COMPASSION UPDATE...

Recovery work in the aftermath of Hurricane Georges continues. Damage from the storm is staggering, needs enormous. In Puerto Rico: 45,000 homes destroyed, another 45,000 damaged. In the Dominican Republic: 80-% of peasant farmers' crops lost. Infrastructure damage is massive and widespread. Many of the poorest areas remain without power and other basic services. The Florida Keys and the Gulf Coast fared better, though pockets of hard hit areas can be found, especially in poorer areas.

Week of Compassion's response to date: more than \$31,000 in grants to Church World Service and other partners in the Caribbean, Puerto Rico disciples and 4 U.S. Disciples congregations. Needs and requests continue. You can: Pray for survivors and relief workers; support WOC's response; prepare CWS "Gifts of the Heart" kits; organize work trips for next year. More information at www.disciples.org/woc.

Disciples Churches in Puerto Rico

More than 500 Disciples families in Puerto Rico have been affected by Hurricane Georges. Several church buildings have also been damaged. At this time, we are aware of the following Disciples churches which have been damaged:

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| <u>Barrio Negros, Corozal, PR</u> | - Entire building destroyed |
| <u>Altamesa, Rio Piedras, PR</u> | - Entire pastoral office destroyed. |
| <u>Palmarito, Corozal, PR</u> | - Parsonage severely damaged. |
| <u>Vega Alta, Vega Alta, PR</u> | - Both Vega Alta churches suffered roof damage. |
| <u>Higuillar, Dorado, PR</u> | - Roof totally destroyed. |

Board of Church Extension is in communication with the Central Office in Puerto Rico and will provide services and loan funds as needed.

STEWARDSHIP

October, 1998

The Stewardship Ministry Team is praying that God will speak to each member of our congregation over the next few weeks. We are praying that God will reveal in a clear, unmistakable way what it is that he would have you do through the ministries of First Christian Church. In past years during stewardship time we have done different things to get you to make a pledge toward the budget of First Christian Church. This year we do not have a budget. We will not make a budget until you tell us what God has placed on your hearts to do through First Christian Church. Pastor Allen has been talking about the Fruits of the Spirit over the past few weeks and has explained how they are a gift from God.

In Ephesians 2:8-10 it says:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. for we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

God's grace is a gift to us. There is nothing we can do to earn it or deserve it. It is a gift! It is not of our own doing. It is a gift! Why would God give us such a gift? Because he has made us, created us, in Christ Jesus for good works. The good works are a result of God's saving grace working within us. The church is the body of Christ. We are asking you to look at what God is calling you to do through first Christian Church. In Luke 12:34 it says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” We believe that if your heart is in the ministries of First Christian church, God will use our church to make a difference on the corner of Calhoun and Pettit in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

This year we are going to give each of you an opportunity to consecrate your gift to God during worship on November 22. We have decided to have both an 8:15 and 10:45 service that day, followed by a Celebration Luncheon around 12 noon. during the next few weeks you will be asked to make a reservation for both the worship service and celebration dinner. During the Celebration Luncheon we will announce the results of the gifts consecrated during the worship services.

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We can make arrangements for anyone not able to join us during worship on November 22 so that your gifts will be included in the Celebration Luncheon. If you are a friend of First Christian Church and not able to worship with us, but care about the ministries we have, you can consecrate your gifts as well. Please call Pastor Allen or write the Stewardship Ministry Team at the church to make known the gift you would like included during the Celebration Luncheon.

The Stewardship Ministry Team believes God is using First Christian Church to minister to our community and other communities around the world. It is the faithful stewardship of your gifts, (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) that make the ministries of First Christian Church possible.

Charlie Hatten



CHURCH CALENDAR CHANGES

1. November 7 - "Oodles of Noodles" Dinner - CANCELLED
2. November 21 - Christian Education Meeting - CANCELLED
3. December 19 - Christian Education Meeting - CANCELLED

elders express. . . About books

When I was a child, times were hard; my parents never bought books for me except for school books. I feel deeply indebted to the few friends and relative swho gave me books on holidays —good books that Daddy would open and read to us. We were especially close then. Those were the best of times.

With the help of others, your Education Committee is sponsoring the Christian Board of Publication Book Sale on the next two Sundays, (November 1 and 8) in Fellowship Hall. There are books for everyone- including many for the children. You might find some Christmas presents that will be cherished forever. And perhaps you will find spiritual refreshment in a special book waiting there for you.

Take time to browse after both the first and second services. There will also be coffee and munchies for you.

Eunice Conrad



Thank you and Good-By

Dear Friends,

Before I left for the west coast, I thought it was appropriate to say thanks and farewell.

First, I'd like to say thank you to all the wonderful folks that I have worked with on the board, classrooms, youth ministries and deaconate. Being with you wonderful people has meant a great deal to me. You have been encouraging in many unconditional ways, and I've appreciated it.

Second, I need to take care of some unfinished business. I would like to submit my resignation as deacon so that a replacement can be found. My thanks for your vote of confidence.

I am heading for California to live with family and get a fresh start.

Thank you in advance for all of the prayers. You all will be in mine.

In Christian Love,

Tim Knuckles

Tim's New Address is:
11905 Wilmingtould
San Diego CA 92125

MORE FROM WEEK OF COMPASSION...

August 7, 1998 will come to mean for the people of Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, what April 19, 1995, means to the people of Oklahoma City. More than 250 people were killed that day and more than 5,000 injured when terrorists bombed the U.S. Embassies in these two East African countries.

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On August 26, 1998, three nuns working for Mother Teresa charity were killed in Kosovo by Serbian mortar fire as they were delivering aid to Kosovo refugees. Mother Teresa Charity is an ACT partner in Kosovo.

Men and women working to help do so under difficult and dangerous circumstances. A year ago four relief workers were abducted by armed bandits as they delivered relief supplies to refugees.

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WOC has provided important support to ACT appeals in both war-torn regions, as well as responded with a special grant to assist the families of the abducted men while they were in captivity.

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A little over a year ago, the Week of Compassion Committee established the WOC Endowment Fund to strengthen WOC's witness and work in the world for generations to come. As part of an effort to raise at least one million for the Fund by the end of the century, the WOC Committee has initiated a special campaign to enlist a thousand Disciples to contribute \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund by December 31, 2000. The fund has now grown to more than \$350,000 and is already working to bring help and hope to hurting people throughout the world. If you would like to become "ONE IN A THOUSAND" or would like more information, please contact Week of Compassion at 317/635-3100 or P. O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

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### *FOOD PANTRY IS LOW*

Bring your can with you to church. (Just checking to see if you were reading)



***Top ten things I have learned this past month....***

10. The two worship services are different. The Lord's Prayer follows the pastoral prayer in the first service but not in the second. Don't forget the Lord's Prayer.
9. If George Bruckman doesn't know about it, we're in trouble.
8. You have to punch line 5 and the star key to release the electronic lock to let people in the side door.
7. Put people on hold before proceeding with #8.
6. It is not safe to walk into the office when Pat is dispatching a salesperson.
5. Never preach about "Sardines." The youth pay attention.
4. Always spit your gum out before trying to play the handbells.
3. Never blow your nose with the portable microphone switch is on.
2. The portable microphone switch is opposite of the one at Flora.
1. If the street you're driving on changes names three times, you are still in Fort Wayne!

Neil

Thank You Halloween Phantom...

Many thanks to the Halloween Phantom for the very special treats given to the church staff. The containers are really clever and artistically show off the talents of the Phantom.

Thank you from each of us.....

Neil, George, Sandy and Pat

We should ALL be recycling whatever we can. Following are some facts about how recycling helps us all.

1. Recycling one (1) ton of paper saves seventeen (17) mature trees.
2. Making recycled paper requires 50% less energy than making paper from trees, reduces air pollution by 95% and water pollution by 35%.
3. Three (3) cubic yards of landfill space is saved with each ton of recycled paper.
4. Americans consume over 850 MILLION trees yearly.
5. Each Sunday, 500,000 trees are made into newspapers which will not be recycled.
6. Only 20% of waste paper is recycled in the U.S. currently.
7. Waste paper and paper products consume over 40% of all landfill space.
8. The Sunday edition of the New York Times uses 75,000 trees.
9. Fifty Percent (50%) of the paper consumed in the United States is used to wrap and decorate consumer products, most of which ends up in a landfill.
10. The energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a television for up to three (3 ) hours.
11. Related air pollution is reduced by 95% when aluminum is recycled.
12. Every three months we throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.
13. In 1979, there were over 20,000 sanitary landfills in the US. Today there are less than 5,000.

The following letter (in part) was received this week at the church office...

"I appreciate you sending the Tidings to my mother, Edna Vaught. I read excerpts from each one to her which she enjoys very much. She still considers Fort Wayne to be "home" and First Christian to be her church.

During the week of Mother's 104th birthday she received many cards and notes from church friends of prior years. Most of them still live in or near Fort Wayne, but several cards came from other places around the country. She was delighted to hear from each of them and would have liked to respond."

Mrs. Stauffer continued her letter asking that a thank you go out to each and every one that remembered her Mother in their prayers and with cards on her 104th.

The church sends warmest regards to Edna and her daughter Agnes.

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### ANGEL TREE

INFORMATION  
ON 1998 ANGEL TREE FAMILY  
WILL BE  
IN THE  
NOVEMBER 11 ISSUE  
OF TIDINGS.  
PLEASE WATCH  
SO YOU WILL KNOW HOW  
YOU CAN HELP .



BIBLE QUIZ

*What Am I ??????*

I

1. My kind has been on this earth longer than people, and they do a lot with me.
2. In the days of Jotham, my ancestors talked about choosing a king to rule over them, but they could not come to a decision without finding themselves among brambles.
3. Early translators used my name instead of the word "cross" when speaking of Jesus' crucifixion.
4. Uncle Gopher's family had a lot to do with the Ark. The cousins of Lebanon were a forceful factor in building the Temple at Jerusalem.

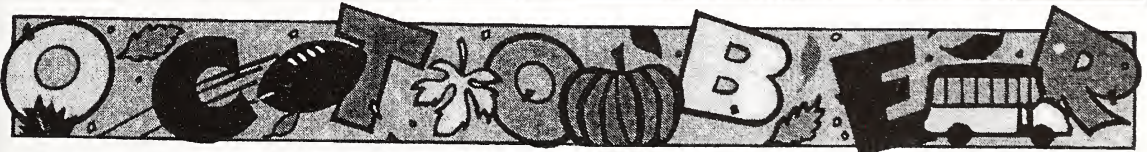
II

1. In Biblical language I am a token of reverence, modesty and obedience.
2. Paul used me as a token of blindness, misunderstanding and ignorance.
3. The Lord once commanded Moses to make me in colors of blue, purple and scarlet with cherubim.
4. I am historically important for being rent in twain from top to bottom as I hung in the temple at Jerusalem when Christ was crucified.

III

1. I am a pleasant color to behold.
2. Moses once took my color for a veil for the Tabernacle.
3. When used on a toga or a cape, I designate the wealthy caste.
4. Lydia sold me in the market place.

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**NORTHERN LIGHTS AREA ASSEMBLY**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 1998 - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - MARION, IN**  
Choir Rehearsal 2:30 PM; Registration 3:30 PM;  
Business Session (Sanctuary) 4:00 PM; Assembly Program 4:15 PM

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**BIG BROTHERS - BIG SISTERS SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
(Prepared by Casa D'Angelo)  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - 11:00 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM**  
**CONCORDIA HIGH SCHOOL, 1601 ST JOE RIVER DRIVE**  
**ALL YOU CARE TO EAT - CARRY OUT AVAILABLE**  
For more information call 219/456-1600

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**CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY TIME**  
**DECEMBER 7 - 18, 1998**  
Come and visit the Regional Office, in Indianapolis for a Christmas Open House  
8:30 am until 4:30 PM

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## **BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS**

- |            |                |                                                            |
|------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>I</b>   | <b>TREE(s)</b> | <b>Genesis 1; Judges 9; Acts 5; Genesis 6; I Kings 5</b>   |
| <b>II</b>  | <b>VEIL</b>    | <b>Genesis 24; Exodus 26; II Corinthians 3; Matthew 27</b> |
| <b>III</b> | <b>PURPLE</b>  | <b>Exodus 26; Judges 8; Luke 16; Acts 16</b>               |

## CHILD ABUSE - *The Hidden Bruises*

The statistics on physical child abuse are alarming. The estimates are that hundreds of thousands of children are battered each year by a parent or a close relative. Often, the abuse goes unreported.

Much of the time, the severe emotional damage to abused children does not surface until adolescence or later, when many abused children become abusing parents. An adult who was abused as a child has trouble establishing intimate personal relationships, with a tendency to see all other adults as potential abusers. Without proper treatment, they can be damaged for life.

### CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED MAY DISPLAY:

- ~ A poor self-image;
- ~ Inability to depend on, trust, or love others;
- ~ Aggressive and disruptive - sometimes illegal behavior;
- ~ Passive and withdrawn behavior;
- ~ Fear of entering into new relationship or activities;
- ~ School failure; or
- ~ Serious drug and alcohol abuse.

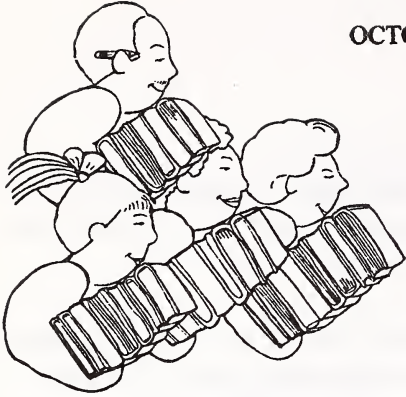
Child and adolescent therapists and psychiatrists are able to treat the child and the family to help them learn new ways to communicate and provide support to one another. Through treatment, the abused child can begin to regain a sense of self-confidence and trust.

Battering is not the only kind of child abuse. Many children are victims of neglect, or sexual and/or emotional abuse.

*(Resource: "Facts for Families," American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.)*



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## LOOK AT THE BOOKS

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

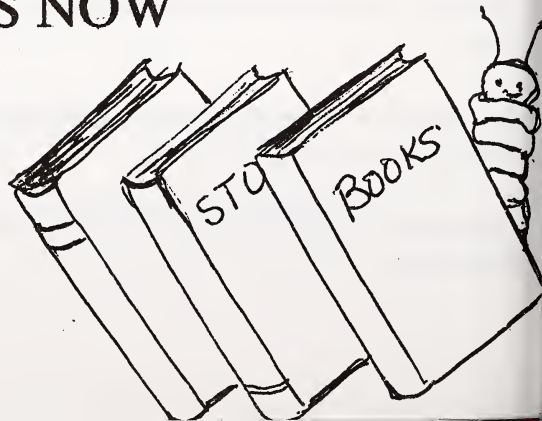
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FELLOWSHIP HALL  
AFTER BOTH SERVICES

SUPPLIED BY THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION

BOOKS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS  
PRESENTS NOW



## FIRST CHRISTIAN NEEDS YOUR HELP

THE WALK TO BETHLEHEM COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE  
WALK TO BETHLEHEM AND  
NATIVITY DISPLAY

OLD BLANKETS - Brown, Black, Tan, Beige etc. \*\*\*

\*\*\* These blankets are to be cut up and will not be returned.

FABRIC - Muslin, Knits for table coverings, Sheets

ROPE

TWINE

JUTE

CROCKERY

BASKETS

POTTERY

If you have any of the above items that you would be willing to loan  
(or in the blanket area donate) please contact the church office ASAP with  
a list of the items.

ALSO PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT ON  
DECEMBER 11th and 12th  
ALONG WITH THE WALK TO Bethlehem  
THERE WILL BE THE NATIVITY DISPLAY.

FIRST CHRISTIAN WOULD LIKE TO BORROW  
YOUR NATIVITY SET(S) FOR THOSE TWO DAYS ONLY.

If you would be willing to loan the church your nativity set  
please contact the church office.

All items (except the blanket(s)) must be marked for their return to you.,

## SERVING, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 1998

### ELDERS

8:15 AM Bob Bier, Eunice Conrad  
10:45 AM Donna Heimann, Marlo Quick

### DIACONATE

8:15 AM Julia Arnold, Marty Bier, Deloris Keebortz  
10:45 AM Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Joan Franklin, Carolyn Falbe,  
Eve Gorman, Laura Whitworth, Wayne Whitworth

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Julia Arnold, Joan Franklin, Carolyn Falbe

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## STAFF OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Neil W. Allen*, Senior Pastor  
*George R. Bruckman*, Interim Associate Minister  
Terry Anderson, Minister of Counseling  
Phyllis Lahr, Organist  
Janice Wagner, Director of Music Ministries  
Patricia Barnes, Secretary  
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# Tidings

*First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),*

*Fort Wayne IN 46807*

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## *At the feeder again,*

I keep waking up, stumbling to the window expecting summer to be gone, but it's just been hanging around like my cat by his feed bowl. "Any day now" I tell myself. The mower still hums its monotonous tune through the grass.

Change will come. I just know it. I've seen it too many times before. I know winter will come like a hammer slapping cold steel.

I trim the weeds along the drive and look for sprouts of grass where I've killed the grubs. I catch myself wondering if this year winter will vacation in Toronto and avoid us all-together. I tell myself how silly that is...but I still wonder.

I don't like change. I try to avoid it at all costs, but it is a futile gesture. I dragged my comb through sparse scraps

of hair for several years until I had to accept the fact I'm bald. I push outdated clothes to the back of the closet. I shove my worn out socks into the rag bag, and I head to the dreaded mall. "Cheer up," I tell myself, "perhaps they're actually making sensible shoes this year." I'm the eternal optimist.

Change is coming. Change is normal. I know these things...still don't like the idea.

The Bible says, "God never changes." I take comfort in that thought as I open the new hymnal and shape my mouth around new words and notes. Somewhere about middle of verse 3 I catch on..."Hmmm, I kind of like this tune," I mutter.

I'm such a contradiction. I preach at people all the time about change. I tell them to embrace the change Christ brings to their lives.

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*At the feeder again...*

I tell them to put down their fear and trust God..."Walk by faith, not by sight." I say these things to myself.

Trust me when I tell you to trust me. I'll not try to rock the boat too sharply as I step in from the dock. But try as I might, as I enter I also see waves coming. I'll move to take the helm quickly...and I promise you I'll point the bow into the wave with the experience I've gained in my first fifteen years in pastoral ministry...and I pledge myself to do my best to remind you to hang on as we roll together.

Change...ugh...pass the Dramamine please.

Feeding on the Love of Christ,  
Neil



## Baby's Closet Wish-List (Why wait until Christmas?)

Baby Bathtubs  
Sheets  
Swings  
High Chairs  
T-Shirts

Diaper Pails  
Towels  
Car Seats  
Play Pens

Misc.: Lotion, Powder, Baby  
Wipes, Bottles, etc.

Diapers - cloth and disposable.

The Baby's Closet is a collaborative effort of many Allen County agencies to provide incentives for moms and dads to be responsible parents.

Credits are earned by the parents participating in a variety of child care basics. Classes that help parents with self-esteem, coping skills and other parenting classes, help provide a stable home life. Further, more credits are given for parents completing G.F.D., literacy and classes that help raise their earning power and self esteem, all of which benefits the children directly and indirectly.

Your gifts to the Baby Closet are tax deductible.

## 5th Sunday Breakfast

We the Diaconate are hosting the fifth Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, November 29th.

If you have a specialty you would like to share with us, please sign up in the Narthex, under the name board, or give Eve a call at (219) 489-9472.

Some of our Deacons are great cooks, and we would love for the church to taste our talents!

We need casseroles, sweet rolls and breads, fruit and fruit juice, or any interesting specialty you may make.

Come and join us on November 29th at 9:30 AM for fun, fellowship and food.

Dear Fellow Christians,

Thank you so much for all of the prayers, cards and telephone calls.

It is always good to know others care.

Love,

Evelyn Yeoman

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## 3rd Annual Christmas Boutique

Thursday, December 3rd

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday, December 4th

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 5th

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

3360 Elmhurst Drive

Elinor Place is hosting this Boutique. She, along with other crafters will be displaying their crafts in Elinor's home.

Special orders may be placed for future dates.

Refreshments will be served.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE





## STEWARDSHIP

October, 1998

The Stewardship Ministry Team is praying that God will speak to each member of our congregation over the next few weeks. We are praying that God will reveal in a clear, unmistakable way what it is that he would have you do through the ministries of First Christian Church. In past years during stewardship time we have done different things to get you to make a pledge toward the budget of First Christian Church. This year we do not have a budget. We will not make a budget until you tell us what God has placed on your hearts to do through First Christian Church. Pastor Allen has been talking about the Fruit of the Spirit over the past few weeks and has explained how they are a gift from God.

In Ephesians 2:8-10 it says:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. for we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

God's grace is a gift to us. There is nothing we can do to earn it or deserve it. It is a gift! It is not of our own doing. It is a gift! Why would God give us such a gift? Because he has made us, created us, in Christ Jesus for good works. The good works are a result of God's saving grace working within us. The church is the body of Christ. We are asking you to look at what God is calling you to do through First Christian Church. In Luke 12:34 it says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” We believe that if your heart is in the ministries of First Christian Church, God will use our church to make a difference on the corner of Calhoun and Pettit in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

This year we are going to give each of you an opportunity to consecrate your gift to God during worship on November 22. We have decided to have both an 8:15 and 10:45 service that day, followed by a Celebration Luncheon around 12 noon. During the next few weeks you will be asked to make a reservation for both the worship service and celebration luncheon. During the Celebration Luncheon we will announce the results of the gifts consecrated during the worship services.

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We can make arrangements for anyone not able to join us during worship on November 22 so that your gifts will be included in the Celebration Luncheon. If you are a friend of First Christian Church and not able to worship with us, but care about the ministries we have, you can consecrate your gifts as well. Please call Pastor Allen or write the Stewardship Ministry Team at the church to make known the gift you would like included during the Celebration Luncheon.

The Stewardship Ministry Team believes God is using First Christian Church to minister to our community and other communities around the world. It is the faithful stewardship of your gifts, (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) that make the ministries of First Christian Church possible.

Charlie Hatten

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### PUTTING GOD FIRST, BALANCES LIFE

Running on my own steam and being self-sufficient was my motto for more than a decade. I thought being self-sufficient was the responsible thing to do. I did not ask God for much help during this time because I could manage most things on my own. Then I found myself becoming anxious and tired. I could not sustain the pace any longer. I turned to God for help. I am learning that God is able to assist me to act responsibly with the resources given me. When I put God first, my life becomes balanced. I am less anxious, and God's timing is perfect. I read one scripture frequently to remind me of the gifts given to me, and God's promise to me. II Cor. 9:11 (NEB)

Now, He who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will provide seed for you to sow. He will multiply it and swell the harvest of your benevolence, and you will always be rich enough to be generous.

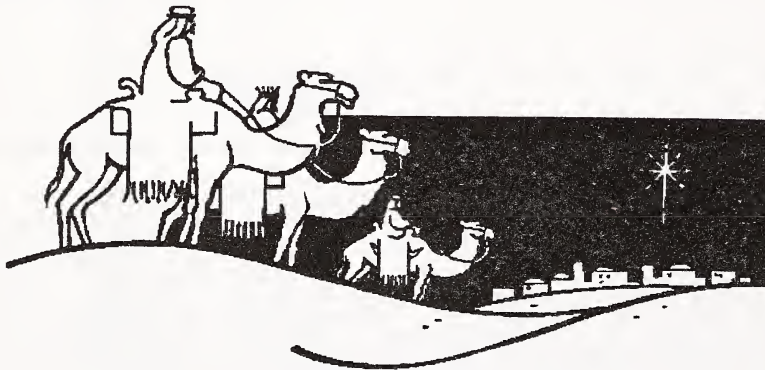
Marlene Crouse  
Member Stewardship Committee

*Please . . .*

. . . remember to fill out your list of names, addresses and telephone numbers for the families that you wish to invite to Walk to Bethlehem. (This list was given to you on Sunday, November 8th and another copy is included in this issue of "Tidings.")

Either drop this list off at the church office or FAX it to the church office at 744-3230 on or before November 15th.

Letters will be mailed to the names on your list inviting them to join us on December 11 and 12 for Walk to Bethlehem.



*More . . .*

Our wonderful gift to the community - the Walk to Bethlehem - needs your help. Please plan to help us give this wonderful gift to our community again this year. We need lots of people, both inside and out. (6:00 TO 8:00 PM ON DECEMBER 11 AND 12) Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall or you can call the church office.

**PLEASE HELP US REMIND PEOPLE THAT  
JESUS IS  
THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**

**BIBLE QUIZ****A Bible Menu**

1. What kind of meat did God provide the Israelites when they became tired of manna?
2. For what kind of food did Esau sell his birthright?
3. What man found butter so plentiful that he used it to wash the steps of his dwelling?
4. What fruits did the 12 spies bring back from Canann?
5. Who said, "Whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no questions"?

**AMAZING FACTS OF HISTORY**

1. Who built a monument in the middle of a river?
2. Who slew seventy of his brothers?
3. What man hid in order not to be made king?
4. What man waited two whole years to deliver an important message because he could not remember it?
5. How far did Samson carry the Gates of Gaza?

This time the answers are on page 11

But still no peeking .

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**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

Last night I attended a "YOUTH FOR CHRIST" banquet at the Grand Wayne Center. The theme for the program was "The Power of Choice". During the evening we heard from a number of young people on how both Bad and Good Choices had impacted their lives. As the young people gave their testimony to the power of Christian commitment, I realized that the theme, "The Power of Choices", was exactly the message that we needed to hear as we prepare to pledge to the Church's 1999 budget.

I would like to suggest that before we make our Stewardship decisions for 1999, we need to take a step backward and examine our Christian Commitment.

Please turn to page 11

# No More Wheelbarrows

After a bumpy 74 kilometers on the dirt roads of Zimbabwe driving to worship, Ana Gobledale's deacon insisted they had time to see Siphos Dube before the service. She had not forgotten the story she had heard about the young crippled boy, age 12 in the fourth grade, at the mercy of those who would help him get around. On days when the wheelbarrow was needed in the fields, someone would carry Siphos and would, in turn, crawl when his carrier tired.

Ana climbed back in the vehicle for the two-kilometer ride. As they approached the Dube's neat home site, she spied someone crawling toward them. As she took Siphos's outstretched hand she realized that the nature of his handicap was much greater than she had realized. Hands with only one thumb and finger. Feet with only two toes. Yet, a face "bright and keen with pleasure and intelligence." They talk about school and Siphos ends by writing his name with ease and a smile. Then he crawls off, beckoning her to follow him to attached hut where she finds... not one, but two wheelchairs!

The deacon reminds Ana how both she, a minister, and the school's headmaster had pleaded for a wheelchair. She contrasts her sense of frustration and futility at the time with the joy she feels at this moment. Siphos hoists himself into a chair and does a spin around the room. All join hands and give thanks for God's blessings. Outside the hut, the deacon motions to another child and says, "This child cannot talk." Ana's first reaction is helplessness. Then she remembers the wheelchairs. "I'll see what I can do, with God's help."





*REPRINTED FROM WEST CREIGHTON NEWSLETTER:*

*A very **BIG** Thank You !!!!!*

October 11th, 1998, was a big milestone in my life. On that day a new chapter has begun. I was installed as the new Senior Pastor of West Creighton Avenue Christian Church.

It was a day that I anticipated nervously, yet confident that God would guide me in this ministerial journey.

The day was beautiful and everything went according to plan. But the successful day could not have materialized without the help of a lot of people. Let me say thanks to the Regional Office, through the effort of Reverend Art Vermillion. Thanks to Faith United Christian Church, who chartered a bus to make the trip so they could enrich the service with the beautiful singing of their choir and to Reverend Ernest Newborn who came from Indianapolis and Reverend Irvin Green who make the trip from Illinois.

It was a good feeling seeing Disciples of Christ colleagues in the Fort Wayne area in the congregation. A big thank you to all the other Pastors in the Fort Wayne area who attended the service and for all the well-wishers who took the time to share in this wonderful service and time in my life.

What can I say about the effort of West Creighton Avenue Christian Church. Everyone worked in various ways to make the day an eventful one. All I can say is a **BIG THANK YOU AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL !!!**

It is my prayer that this new chapter for myself and the church will be a rewarding and an enriching one for all who come through the doors of West Creighton.

Shalom,

Reverend Michael Sinclair

### *Angel Tree*

Year after year, The Angel Tree program reaches and touches nearly half a million at-risk children. And the Christmas gifts are just the beginning. Angel Tree is an opportunity for our congregation to show the "Love" (remember the Gift of the Spirit) of Christ to children that may not have a chance to see it from anywhere else.



Your help is needed to make a big difference in the lives of 27 children this holiday season. We are still putting together exactly how the program will work this year, but we know we have 27 children from 11 different families. We received the names from the Indiana Prison Fellowship Group and they are children that live in Fort Wayne.

It is suggested that each child be given 2 gifts costing no more than \$20.00 each. We will place the names of the children and their ages on the Angel Tree in Fellowship Hall for you to consider.

We are thinking of having a Christmas party here at the church for the children on Saturday afternoon December 19th in Fellowship Hall.

Please keep this program in you prayers and consider how you might show the "Love" of Christ to one of these little ones this holiday season.

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WHOOPS !!!

Address Correction for Tim Knuckles:

11905 Wilmington Road  
San Diego CA 92128

## BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 7

## A BIBLE MENU

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. Quail (Num. 11:31)  | 2. Pottage (Gen. 25:29 - 34)               |
| 3. Job (Job 29:6)      | 4. Grapes, Pomegranates, Figs (Num. 13:23) |
| 5. Paul (I Cor. 10:27) |                                            |

## AMAZING FACTS OF HISTORY

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Joshua (Josh. 4:9)                 | 2. Abimelech (Judges 9)          |
| 3. Saul (I Sam. 10:22)                | 4. The Butler (Gen. 40:23, 41:9) |
| 5. Thirty-Eight Miles (Judges 16:1-3) |                                  |

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Continued from page 7      Stewardship Message

Commitment is not something we do once and then put in on the shelf. We must RECOMMITMENT every day, every week and every year - it is an ongoing process.

With our new minister on board there is a lot of excitement about the future ahead. The committees are all hard at work developing new plans for future worship and programs. Around my house, I hear a lot about this year's Walk to Bethlehem.

Can we keep the momentum going? Can we make the future as bright as it looks? Your choice to support our 1999 budget will encourage others to do the same.

*THE CHOICE IS YOURS - WHAT WILL IT BE ???*

Ralph Church  
Member, Stewardship Committee



## *Strengthening Families*

### Your 1998 Disciples Thanksgiving Special Day offering for Basic Mission Finance

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live  
your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,  
just as you were taught, abounding in Thanksgiving.*

Colossians 2:6-7

Thanksgiving is a time when we gather as families, remembering the past and envisioning the future. The family of God has always been called to worship God with praise and thanksgiving. As a church, we are also called to action so that others can discover the strength and joy we know as the body of Christ.

A relatively new project of our Division of Overseas Ministries is mission work in Korea. Koreans continue to suffer from the tragedy of a divided nation and divided families. North Koreans struggle to survive floods and famine. Marginalized groups in South Korea — the urban poor, women, children, and migrant laborers — need our support as well.

Our church is called to respond in innumerable and diverse specific ways to global and local needs. Your support of the *Thanksgiving Special Day Offering* for Basic Mission Finance enables the church to support regional, churchwide, and worldwide ministries that strengthen families.

Your gift helps make a difference in the lives of other families. Give generously, as you are blessed, this Thanksgiving season. Give to our *Thanksgiving Special Day*

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# THINGS...

HELP -Carole Jacobs - residing at Tall Oakes, 7300 Decatur Road - visited FCC on November 8th and would love to continue worshipping here. However, Carole does not drive. If you would be interested in furnishing Carole with a ride to worship services, please contact church office.

JANUARY DINNER - January 24, 1999 - mark your calendars. This special event is called "Pastor Allen's Appreciation Dinner". All that you need to do is plan to attend and find out what it is all about !! We may furnish more information later.

NEW DEADLINE FOR TIDINGS ARTICLES. Effective Friday, November 20th all articles for Tiding's must be in church office on Friday's. Any articles submitted after the NEW FRIDAY DEADLINE, will not be printed for two weeks.

HARVEST DINNER - November 22 - following second service.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - beginning Saturday, November 14, 1998 at 9:00 AM. If you are a little person and you like to sing - come and join us.

ADVENT AFTERNOON - Sunday, November 29 - Children Kindergarten through 5th Grade - 2:00 - 4:00 PM

First Christian Church has mailed a check to "Church Finance Council" in the amount of \$545.00 for our Reconciliation Donation.

CANCELLED - Christian Education Meeting until after January 1, 1999. Dates will be published in upcoming Tidings and Sunday bulletins.

## From Associated Churches

Dear Friends of the Associated Churches Food Bank,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Again this year we have received a matching grant of \$15,000.00 that will match \$1 for every \$1 given to the Associated Churches Food Bank System between October 15 and the end of the year. Each of the past 10 years we have met our goal with your help. Last year over \$20,000.00 was given so that we could receive the matching funds. This helped us to purchase food at wholesale prices for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons and meet the high fuel bill months of January and February.

We are currently serving 4,100 individuals a month at our 27 Food Bank sites even though the outward signs of the economy, such as lower unemployment have improved. Three factors seem to contribute to an increase in hungry clients:

1. The large number of people whose time has run out on welfare and now can never receive benefits again.
2. The large number of Mexican Americans that have come to Fort Wayne in the past 2 years from California and Texas.
3. The large number of those who are the working poor, lacking a livable wage. Sixty-five (65%) percent of the people that we serve in a years time are working but cannot make ends meet to support a family on \$6.00 an hour.

We continue to utilize the funds that you send us to purchase food at wholesale prices. This means that for every \$1.00 given we can purchase \$1.40 of food from Food Market-ing Inc. In return they donate thousands of pounds of frozen food each year without cost to the Food Bank. Our partnerships with you and with the community assure that no one has to go to work, school, or to bed hungry today or any day in the future. God's special thanks to you for your prayers, volunteer efforts, and special financial gifts. God bless and stay nice!

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ROPE

TWINE

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CROCKERY

BASKETS

POTTERY

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# Tidings

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*Fort Wayne IN 46807*

*Volume 55, Number 42,*

*November 25, 1998*

*At the feeder again. . .*

In all the confusion and activity I've not been keeping up on my feeders. I glance out the back window and feel guilt (a poor replacement for action). A sparrow jumps from limb to limb, from feeder to ground, looking for any scrap. A crow lands like a wayward asteroid launching the hungry sparrow to the upper reaches of a slippery elm as if on the wrong end of a catapult. When it comes to food, crows have a bad habit of bossing sparrows around. The poor things are fighting over what little food is left from the last squirrel raid.

The birds can't hear me as I say "wait, wait, wait", as I hurry to my buckets of carefully mixed grains. (I have my own secret formulas.) I stick my head out the back door and listen to the chattering and cawing name calling in my back yard. "Wait, wait, wait."

I'm an impatient person, but "wait, wait,

wait" has become the central theme for this ministry. Sandy, our Sexton, says the same thing as she positions herself to clean a window so dirty we can't see the light of God through it. As I struggle to open the window I hear, "Wait, wait, wait..hand me that bucket. I'll get it."

Pat, the church secretary hollers after me, as I'm at a dead run out of the office on a mission, "wait, wait, wait. I need you to go over these bulletins and take the call on line 2."

George, our faithful Associate listens as I pour our dreams and visions in a steady stream of anxious thoughts. He sits down in the chair opposite my desk and says, "We'll get there man, just wait."

"Wait, wait, wait..." I feel like the sparrow at my feeder. I argue with him. Hunger has its own schedule! Patience can be a virtue, but it can be deadly to a dream.

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## **ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM**

Some of you have already volunteered to be angels, tour guides, Joseph, Mary, etc., but many of you have not. Please consider this and then go to Fellowship Hall on Sunday and sign on the dotted line. SUE BREY will be contacting you about your costume so that you will have one assigned to you BEFORE the dress rehearsal which will be held December 6, 1998 at 3:00 PM. If you have questions about what is involved in participating in WALK TO BETHLEHEM, following is a list of people to contact:

**Pastor Neil Allen - Miniature nativities**

**Dick Mey - Construction and animals**

**Charlie Hatten - Animals**

**Sue Brey - Costumes**

**Kathy Cron - Marketplace**

**Linda Deck - Food**

**Diane Mory - Casting**

**Ron Wise - Publicity**

**Karen Wise - Sets and Design**

**Karen Bushey - Logistics.**

**There will be child care during Walk to Bethlehem ONLY for those helping - not for anyone who has come to see the event.**

**Watch the newspapers, television and listen to the radio for publicity regarding Walk To Bethlehem. We hope to get as much coverage as possible in the media but nothing can replace a personal invitation. Pick-up an additional brochure in the church office to give to friends, relatives and neighbors.**



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**WALK TO BETHLEHEM  
DRESS REHEARSAL  
SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 6, 1998  
3:00 PM**

ALL participants should meet in the sanctuary at 3:00 PM, Sunday, December 6, 1998.

We will meet briefly before going to our assigned scene or group. We plan to be finished by 4:30 PM.

Contact Sue Brey ahead of time to select your costume.

On December 11 and 12, we are asking all actors to be in costume and in the sanctuary by 6:15 PM.

There will be a time of prayer as we center ourselves in God's presence so that we may convey God's message of Hope, Love and Peace to those who come.

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**!!!!!!HELP!!!!!!HELP!!!!!!HELP!!!!!!**

CAN YOU TYPE ON A COMPUTER? IF SO WE NEED YOUR HELP. A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS BEING PUT TOGETHER AND WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A DEADLINE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING US PUT THE NEW DIRECTORY TOGETHER, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH ASAP.

WE CAN WORK AROUND YOUR SCHEDULE - BUT YOU DO NEED BASIC COMPUTER TYPING SKILLS.



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At the feeder again...

I'm a rookie when it comes to waiting...I failed wait, wait, wait 102 in grade school. That's why Advent is such a difficult time for me. You'll never guess what the message of Advent is...Yep!, Wait, wait, wait! Hurry Christmas, that's what Alvin the Chipmunk sings. "Don't be late."

The church calendar turns the commercial season on its ear. Advent says "Don't listen to the TV ads...Wait...Watch..." Advent is a time of waiting and watching for the return of Jesus. It is a time to prepare the way of the Lord. Instead we turn it into a month long celebration of the Master...Card that is.

So, I wait. Begrudgingly, and I shift my thinking from Christmas advertisement to the Advent of Christ.

Until he comes, I'll wait, wait wait...but as I do I'm going to be productive. I know another secret about wait, wait, wait...Time waits for no man!

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

A total of 75 contributing unit pledges an approximate total of \$125,000 towards the operating budget. If you have not already submitted your pledge, please do so soon.

*Thank you.*

## Baby's Closet Wish-List (Why wait until Christmas?)

Baby Bathtubs  
Sheets  
Swings  
High Chairs  
T-Shirts

Diaper Pails  
Towels  
Car Seats  
Play Pens

Misc.: Lotion, Powder, Baby  
Wipes, Bottles, etc.

Diapers - cloth and disposable.

The Baby's Closet is a collaborative effort of many Allen County agencies to provide incentives for moms and dads to be responsible parents.

Credits are earned by the parents participating in a variety of child care basics. Classes that help parents with self-esteem, coping skills and other parenting classes, help provide a stable home life. Further, more credits are given for parents completing G.F.D., literacy and classes that help raise their earning power and self esteem, all of which benefit the children directly and indirectly.

Your gifts to the Baby Closet are tax deductible.

ICYF\*

**\*International CYF Conference**

(FOR YOUTHS THAT HAVE COMPLETED 9th through 12th grades)

*Gifts of Hands and Hearts*

*Texas Christian University*

*Fort Worth, Texas*

*July 7-11, 1999*

*Cost: \$240*

*(Includes room, linens, meals, all event activities)*

Registration: Watch for ICYF Packets in January, 1999

(For more information call 317/635-3113 ext. 341)

Incredible Singing! Fantastic Fellowship! Out of This World Speakers! Change-Your-Life Explorations! Mission and Ministry Tracks that Make a Difference

AND

We are going to build a house...from the foundation to roof in 5 days... with 1000 hearts and 2000 hands and A LOT OF HELP FROM THE SPIRIT!!!

OH YEAH, AND YOU... collecting Pail O' Nails! Start with a pail, add a nail for every dollar earned, send in the money\*\* and bring the nails\*\* and decorated pails with you to ICYF. AND BRING ALONG YOUR HANDS AND HEARTS!!

BE THERE AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!!

Here's How It Works. . .

1. Share the vision (1000 youth building a house in 5 days)
2. Get a pail and decorate it as a group.
3. Buy a box (or two) of nails (8 or 10 or 16 penny, roofing, finishing, or drywall nails)
4. Raise money - fund raisers, special offerings, from your pocket - For every dollar raised put a nail in the pail. (Total goal \$45,000)
5. We need \$17,500 by January 1999 to keep dream alive.
6. Bring your Pail of Nails to ICYF at TCU in July 1999.

*THE SUMMIT CITY CHORUS*  
*AND*  
*THE TOWNS OF HARMONY*  
*PRESENT*  
*"HARMONIES OF CHRISTMAS"*

*1998 CHRISTMAS SHOW*  
*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13*  
*EMBASSY THEATRE - 2:30 P.M.*

*FEATURING:*

*The guest quartet*

*"Grand Entrance"*

*Seats \$12.00*

*Please contact Janice Wagner (FCC Choir director) for tickets.*  
*Groups of 10 people or more \$10.00 per person.*

*Please . . .*

. . . remember to fill out your list of names, addresses and telephone numbers for the families that you wish to invite to Walk to Bethlehem. (This list was given to you on Sunday, November 8th ) your invitations will be mailed on November 30th. If you have additional guests to invite, contact church office. You may FAX your list to 744-3230.

Letters will be mailed to the names on your list inviting them to join us on December 11 and 12 for Walk to Bethlehem.



*More . . .*

Our wonderful gift to the community - the Walk to Bethlehem - needs your help. Please plan to help us give this wonderful gift to our community again this year. We need lots of people , both inside and out. (6:00 TO 8:30pm ON DECEMBER 11 AND 12) Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall or you can call the church office.

**PLEASE HELP US REMIND PEOPLE THAT  
*JESUS IS*  
THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**



## 5th Sunday Breakfast

We the Diaconate are hosting the fifth Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, November 29th.

If you have a specialty you would like to share with us, please sign up in the Narthex, under the name board, or give Eve a call at (219) 489-9472.

Some of our Deacons are great cooks, and we would love for the church to taste our talents!

We need casseroles, sweet rolls and breads, fruit and fruit juice, or any interesting speciality you may make.

Come and join us on November 29th at 9:30 AM for fun, fellowship and food.

## UPDATE!!! UPDATE!!! WEEK OF COMPASSION

In what is the worst natural catastrophe to strike this hemisphere in the last 200 years, the countries of Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala are facing the staggering task of burying the more than 11,000 killed, searching for the thousands more still missing, providing food and shelter to more than one million made home-

less, fighting off epidemics, and rebuilding economics that have been set back decades.

The Anglican bishop of Honduras' plaintive plea, "please help what is left of my country." is truly an appeal for the entire region. Week of Compassion is responding. Emergency grants have been rushed to local church partners in the region - partners who are on the frontline of relief and recovery efforts are in urgent need of our assistance. WOC is supporting a Church world Service appeal to raise \$250,000 for shipments of humanitarian aid valued at \$2.5 million. Disciples are making special contributions to WOC for hurricane relief, preparing much needed recovery kits for CWS, and volunteering to join medical and reconstruction work teams.

Before Mitch ever struck, 1998 was already one of the busiest and costliest years ever for WOC. Funds are urgently needed for the shipment of emergency food, medicines, water purification systems, generators, and blankets, as well as for long-term recovery needs of rebuilding homes, school and clinics, restoring farms and family businesses, and providing pastoral care to the hundreds of thousands trying to cope with this indescribable disaster.

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### *Angel Tree*

Year after year, The Angel Tree program reaches and touches nearly half a million at-risk children. And the Christmas gifts are just the beginning. Angel Tree is an opportunity for our congregation to show the "Love" (remember the Gift of the Spirit) of Christ to children that may not have a chance to see it from anywhere else.



Your help is needed to make a big difference in the lives of 27 children this holiday season. We are still putting together exactly how the program will work this year, but we know we have 27 children from 11 different families. We received the names from the Indiana Prison Fellowship Group and they are children that live in Fort Wayne.

It is suggested that each child be given 2 gifts costing no more than \$20.00 each. We will place the names of the children and their ages on the Angel Tree in Fellowship Hall for you to consider.

We are having a Christmas party here at the church for the children on Saturday afternoon December 19th in Fellowship Hall.

Please keep this program in you prayers and consider how you might show the "Love" of Christ to one of these little ones this holiday season.

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Continued from page 9 WOC Update.

Your prayers for the people of Central America and your gifts in support of the church's relief efforts are crucial. Thanks and God Bless, Johnny Wray, Week of Compassion Office.

Please make checks out to First Christian Church, marked for Week of Compassion.

# THINGS...

5th SUNDAY BREAKFAST - November 29th - GOOD FUN!!! GOOD FOOD !!!  
GOOD FELLOWSHIP!!! Please plan now to join us on the 29th at 9:30 AM.

DRESS REHEARSAL - WALK TO BETHLEHEM - December 6th - See articles this issue for details.

SPECIAL OFFERING - for hurricane victims. See article on devastation in this Tidings issue.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Please call the church office with your Christmas Poinsettia order. They are \$10.00 each and the order deadline is December 15, 1998,

JANUARY DINNER - January 24, 1999 - mark your calendars. This special event is called "Pastor Allen's Appreciation Dinner". All that you need to do is plan to attend EVERY SUNDAY and find out what it is all about !!  
We may furnish more information later.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Began Saturday, November 14, 1998 at 9:00 AM. If you are a young person and you like to sing - come and join us.

ADVENT AFTERNOON - Sunday, November 29 - Children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade - 2:00 - 4:00 PM. There will be story telling, music, crafts and food as we begin our joyful wait for Christmas.

CANCELLED - Christian Education Meeting until after January 1, 1999. Dates will be published in upcoming Tidings and Sunday bulletins.

E-MAIL - Pastor Allen is now available through E-Mail at nnallen@fwi.com.

HARVEST DINNER UPDATE - Approximately 150 people attended the Harvest Dinner on Sunday. Charlie Hatten and his assistants did a great job on everything.



SERVING, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 1998

ELDERS

8:15 AM Ralph Church, Eunice Conrad,  
10:45 AM Charlie Hatten, Jean McGrew

DIACONATE

8:15 AM Julia Arnold, Brenda Proegler, Deloris Keebortz  
10:45 AM Laura Whitworth, Wayne Whitworth, Sue Brey, Larry Brey,  
Eve Gorman, Carolyn Falbe, Christi Deck

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Deloris Keebortz, Laura Whitworth, Wayne Whitworth

HAPPY HOLIDAYS - DRIVE SAFELY !!

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SPECIAL PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers,  
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Sexton's daughter.  
Teresa is undergoing kidney stone  
surgery.

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# Tidings

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*Volume 55, Number 43,*

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## *At the Feeder Again. . .*

Our former neighbor Leland jumps up from his Lane Rocker for the twentieth time. Adjusting his satellite TV had become a frustration. "All this money and this dumb thing don't work right" he growled.

Just as he reaches for the control panel, the screen clears almost to its original condition. "What the....?." Back down he sits, only to find himself on his feet again within minutes. A loud static noise accompanies the "snowy" picture on the TV, seconds later it clears. The picture dims with each black out. He hits the off button and grabs a newspaper.

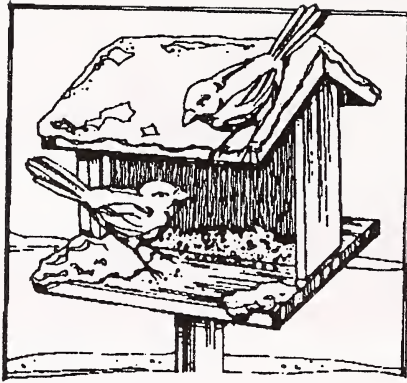
Two days later, when the picture is nearly all snow, he takes a deep breath and calls the technical people. An unfamiliar voice asks Leland, "Did you check the.....?"

"Yeah, Yeah, I checked the....."

"Well, did you check the.....?"

"HEY, I CHECKED THE.....ALRIGHT?!"

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"Sounds like you've got sparrows."

"What?"

"Sparrows are building a nest in your dish."

Sure enough, as Leland, phone in hand, leans over a small table and squints out the window overlooking the deck, an eager female sparrow arrives with a mouth full of string, sticks and whatever. She quickly ducks inside the small cup that receives the satellite image.

"Thanks," mumbles Leland hanging up the phone and grabbing his jacket in one motion.

For the next several weeks the little sparrow from hell torments Leland's best efforts. But there is one thing the sparrow failed to realize. No female is going to come between a man and a remote!

After aiming his 22 rifle at the \$5,000 dish, Leland's vision clears enough to see another plan. Screen mesh allows the signal but not the bird.

Leland was fun to watch.

At the feeder again continued from page 1

"Imagine that," I muse. I stare off across the field of snow and consider the miracle. A tiny creature, barely able to defend itself, blocking out football, Sears adds, and Bay Watch. I laugh to myself and think some.....A tiny creature barely the size of a dollar bill, standing between the signals of heavens and earth, actually altering our reception and perception of unseen transmissions.

God opens me to greater wonders.

Baby Jesus - a miracle?

What could a baby do? They're too small. They're too helpless. Could a baby change the way the world perceives itself?

I open the bible and read, "And they wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger."

Miracle?

Sure,..... why not?

Feeding on the love of Christ,

Neil

P.S. Have a great Christmas.



## ***GIFT GIVING AT ITS FINEST***

(Up-coming Mission Projects)

Want to give a lasting gift? Give yourself. Wrap up a promise to do something meaningful in 1999. Here are some of the mission projects you can participate in next year.

**\*Houses of Hope - Birmingham, Alabama - January 3-8 (Great Mission for a College break)**

- \*Repair some of the 1200 homes destroyed in the April 8<sup>th</sup> Tornadoes (90% were uninsured).

- \*Learn how to lead a work trip.

- \*\$45 plus travel. (Cost includes lodging, insurance, food and a small donation towards material.

- \*Reservations need to be made ASAP - Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Email Jayna Powell at [jpowell@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:jpowell@dhm.disciples.org) or call her at 410-788-6309 (Forms available - See Outreach Ministries)

**\*International CYF Conference (ICYF) '99 & Pails O' Nails Project," July 7-11, 1999, Texas Christian University. (Completed grades 9-12) & Sponsors**

- \*1000 youth to participate. (Katie Moll is our only representative at this time.)

- \*For every dollar donated there will be a nail placed in the bucket. Need to raise over \$17,000 to build a Habitat for Humanity Home.

- \*See Katie if you can't go, or sign-up if you can. Cost \$240 (not including travel).

**\*Young Adult, Winter Mission Trip (January 1-5), St. Louis, Mo**

- \*Work with NBA Homes in the St. Louis Area

- \*Experience fun, food and fellowship

- \*Cost = Under \$45

- \*Contact Mark MacWhorter at 765-6957 (office) or 765-643-9769

**\*Health Kits Needed for Hurricane Mitch victims.**

- \*Call CWS Office at 317-923-2938 for information about how to make kits.

- \*Check out the CWS Web Page at [www.nccusa.org/cws](http://www.nccusa.org/cws).



\*1999 New Mexico Trip (High School Youth and Adult Sponsors)

June 13-26, 1999, Sponsored by the Christian Church in Indiana (Part of the Camp and Conference Ministry.)

\*\$350 Registration Fee

\*Sponsors - Attend January training event in Indianapolis

\*Pre-Camp Orientation - March 12-13, 1999

\*Vision Builders! INC. May 31-July31, 1999

Building New Fellowship Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio

\*\$50 deposit needed right away. Remainder due May 1st

\*Cost \$100 for the first week and \$50 for any subsequent weeks. Includes: food, showers, secondary insurance, and a "place to lay you head on a floor."

\*RV sites nearby.

\*Indiana Region Seeking Two Full Time Summer Counselors

June 6-August 4, 1999

\*Requirements: Candidates must be at least 21 by June 1, 1999, be active in their Christian faith and need to have experience in working with children and youth, since campers ages may range from 8 to 15. Be a good "team player" with a willingness to be adaptable. Be in good physical and mental health. Be available for the complete camp experience from June - August (a two week break June 27-July 3 & July 26-31). Have current First Aid/CPR certification (reimbursement for certification classes is possible.)

Compensation: \$200 per week for 10 weeks. Some additional pay is offered if counselor actually assists or substitutes as lifeguard. Room and board are furnished (time off each weekend + the two weeks indicated above).

\*Contact Sharon Gillen, Administrative Manager at Barbee Christian Camp, 27 EMS Lane B2, Leesburg, IN 46538; 219-834-4190.

***Dream Weavers - January 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-Noon.***

Come dream some dreams with the Elders and Leaders of First Christian.

Worship 9 a.m.

Weaving Dreams into prayers with the Elders

Break

Ministry Teams & Visitors (everyone encouraged to pick a group)

Plenary Session (Sharing dreams)

Closing Worship 11:55 a.m.

***On My Soap Box***

Fact: Average gambling debt of the addicted = \$30,000

(Information taken from "Oakleaves" - Newsletter Oaklawn's Addiction Treatment Center, Goshen, In.)

Fact: Indiana State Revenue expectations from gambling \$320,000,000 this year. (Local TV, NBC 33,)

Fact: Illegal gambling devices (such as Video Poker) are available to the public without prosecution. (Information on the same NBC program.)

Questions:     What monies have been set aside for those addicted?  
                      What has the state done about reducing the negative affects of addiction?  
                      (In other words, who is paying for these debts? And are we concerned  
                      enough about the problem?)  
                      Is the income from gambling blinding the statehouse to problems?  
                      Are the games such as video poker a spin off of state run games? If so,  
                      why are these not being regulated? Who takes responsibility for the  
                      addictions caused by this new form of gambling?  
                      How many addicts are there? What are the negative social affects of the  
                      addicted gamblers?

A larger question for Christians: Assuming I'm right, how are we participating in the problems associated with a climate of gambling?

*Elders Care*

Our new system of Care Ministries has begun to make an important impact on our ability to care for each other. At the last meeting the elders showed their enthusiasm how the process is working. Many more calls need to be made, but the congregation is expressing a deep appreciation for the caring ministries.

To ensure that everyone is included in our Elders Care ministries we would encourage you to let the office know if you've not been contacted by an Elder yet. Our apologies for those we may have overlooked in the building of our lists.

*Meal of Appreciation - January 24<sup>th</sup> Following Second Worship*

Pastor Allen is reissuing his challenge to attend church now (December 11<sup>th</sup> through January 24<sup>th</sup>). He has promised a meal to everyone who has perfect attendance through that period.

Exemptions: If you are called to work on Sunday morning, attend another church, die or are deathly ill, you are excused.

Your attendance is vital. You contribute to the growth of this ministry with your presence. I pray this incentive will help.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...**

THE "PRAYER CHAIN" IS IN NEED OF YOUR HELP. REQUIREMENTS ARE:

- 1. PRAY
- 2. CALL ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON.
- 3. MESSAGE MAY BE LEFT ON ANSWERING MACHINE.
- 4. ADDED BENEFIT: REWARDING AND IT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD.

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE OR EVELYN YEOMAN AT 489-2349.



## DOING JUSTICE

Your 1998 Disciples  
Christmas Special Day Offering  
for Basic Mission Finance

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

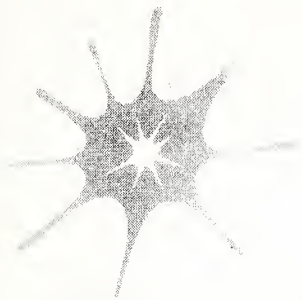
The Reverend Richard L. Hamm, General Minister and President, says, "I offer three marks of a faithful church—marks I hope can guide us as we try to discern God's call to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).... With Micah, I believe that the marks of a faithful church are a deep Christian spirituality, true community and a passion for justice."

Unfortunately, the marks of injustice are easily seen around us. Scenes of hunger, abuse, violence, discrimination, prejudice, and violation of human rights pervade the daily news. We are aware of injustice near our immediate doorstep as well as in the far corners of the world. The call to all God's people is to act to bring justice to reality. Just as God in Micah's time acted to bring justice to the people of Israel, so now God—through us—seeks to bring justice to all people everywhere.

One way to do so is the act of giving to the Christmas Special Day Offering, Sunday December 20th. This offering makes possible the diverse and widespread ministries supported by Basic Mission finance. Such programs illustrate the marks of a faithful church. Your gift is a way to do justice. Give generously as you are blessed this Christmas season. Give to our Christmas Special Day Offering for basic Mission finance.

(A Church for Today: The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Ministries and Mission, Office of communication, p.6)





## Things . . . . .

### "Appreciation Dinner from the Pastor"

Pastor Allen has reissued his "Perfect Attendance" challenge. Now, the counting begins on December 11 through January 24<sup>th</sup>. Perfect attendance means a free dinner on him. You will be excused (from perfect) if you are at work; if you are ill; or if you are out of town and attend another church.

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UPCOMING - HAPPENING !!!!! New pictorial directories will be put together in the spring of 1999. But in order to do that our pictures must be taken. The dates for picture taking will be March 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Much more information will be forthcoming after the first of the New Year.

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### CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING -

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>

9:30 A.M. - BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES

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Neil and Nora's "Holiday Open House" will be held at their home on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Their address is 6724 Lakewood Court. Neil will provide maps so that no one gets lost. Whoops, he gets lost, we better have someone else do the maps. Anyway maps will be available.

# **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU**

**Thanks to the Choir members, Janice and Phyllis for their  
time, talent and commitment to filling us with  
musical worship of God.**

**From all of your friends at FCC**



**SERVING SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 13, 1998**

## **ELDERS**

|                 |                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>8:15 am</b>  | <b>Eunice Conrad, Ralph Church</b> |
| <b>10:45 am</b> | <b>Donna Heimann, Ron Wise</b>     |

## **DIACONATE**

|                 |                                                                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:15 am</b>  | <b>Julia Arnold, Marty Bier,<br/>Deloris Keebortz, Marlene Crouse</b>        |
| <b>10:45 am</b> | <b>Ray Stover, Linda Stover, Joan Franklin<br/>Carolyn Falbe, Eve Gorman</b> |

## **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**Joan Ott, Christi Deck, Linda Deck**

## up date on the Collins. . .



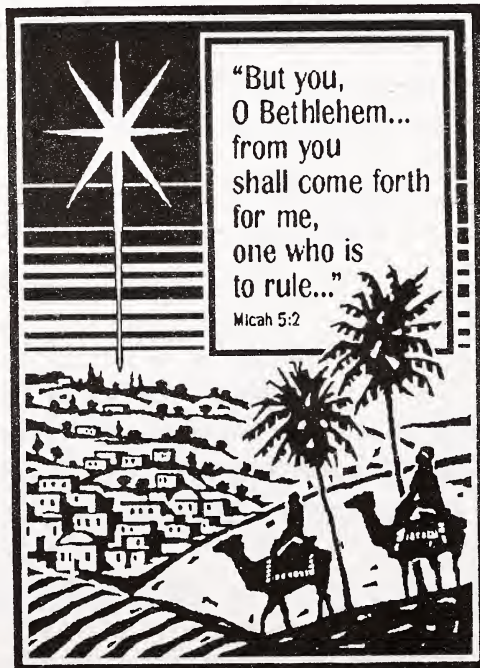
We have received word from our Global Mission Partners, Andy, Ellen and Christopher Collins saying that they have arrived safely in Nepal, and are looking forward to continued relationship with the Indiana Region. Below is a quote from their e-mail:

"We have had quite a time settling back in after arriving in early September, as our plans to relocate to Pokhara were reversed. After some uncertainty and major decision-making, we now feel much more "settled" here in Kathmandu...basically we are at the same offices where we had worked last term, playing somewhat different roles. We know God has a definite plan for us here.

Christopher has taken all the moving and living out of suitcases very well. Finally we are now in our own place, half of a house we share with a landlord and family...Please let the churches know we have felt their prayers in a very real way over these past weeks of readjustment."

## **Come Walk to Bethlehem**

**Walk to Bethlehem is here!! If there is someone you have forgotten to invite, now is the time to do it. Friday night at 6:30 p.m. the first group will tour the outdoor scenes, visit the marketplace and see the display of miniature nativity scenes in the sanctuary. And again on Saturday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. we will be telling the story of Jesus' birth. This week as we prepare for Walk to Bethlehem help us to stop, to listen, to think, to pray that someone will come to know Christ. Help us to live as people who know why Jesus came, and to tell the Good News to others!**





## ANGEL TREE

Twenty-seven children and eight families have been adopted by members of First Christian Church through Project Angel Tree Program sponsored by Prison Fellowship Ministries. The children will be given 2 gifts each, and the family will be given some food for the Christmas meal. The children attending the Advent Afternoon Program here at the church made Christmas cards and packed eight boxes of food to be given to the families.

We plan on giving the gifts and food to the children on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> during the angel Tree Christmas Party here at the church from 4 to 5 PM. Some of the youth group will be singing Christmas carols and we will be serving cake and ice cream. The Children will be given the chance to see the love of Christ in action and know that God loves them and cares what happens to them.

If you would like to participate in the party call Anne Moll, Nora Allen or Teresa Hatten and let them know. I am sure they will find some way for you to help. If you would like to help pay for the cake and ice cream that would be appreciated also. I know the moms and grandmas caring for the children appreciate the kindness shown to them through the Angel Tree Project.

Charlie Hatten



## **STEWARDSHIP**

**The Stewardship Ministry Team would like to thank everyone that participated in the Consecration Sunday program this year. We are still receiving pledges from members who were not able to be at church that Sunday. We are also thankful to friends of First Christian that have moved out of town but still get the newsletter and have sent in their pledges of support for the 1999 Program year. We have received pledges for over \$125,000 already and hope to receive another \$15,000 before the end of the year. If you would like to pledge support for the 1999 Program year and have not turned in a pledge card, please call the church office so your gift can be included in our planning for 1999.**

**We have been so encouraged by the comments we have received during the campaign from the members and friends that we believe we are moving in the right direction. We have so much to be thankful for this year. The new Ministry Teams have submitted their program requests for 1999 and the Finance Ministry Team is meeting this week to begin the budgeting process. We are excited about what the future holds for First Christian Church and how we are going to be used by God to minister to our community in 1999.**

**We have put together an experienced group of dedicated members of First Christian Church to care for your gifts in 1999. The members of the Finance Ministry Team take this responsibility seriously and see this work as their ministry here at First Christian. We intend to keep you updated on a regular basis on what we are doing and where we are going.**

**Finally, we would like to thank Janice Wagner for providing the entertainment at the dinner. The barber shop singers were great !! And we owe a big thank you to The Fellowship Ministry Team for providing the desserts and drinks and other extras - plus clean up afterwards.. We had over 150 people at the dinner and it was wonderful!!!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS and LOVED  
ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

**LOU SIMMONS - Diane Mory's Mother at Riverbend**

**GEORGE COLE - Willow Ridge Health Care - Room 144-B**

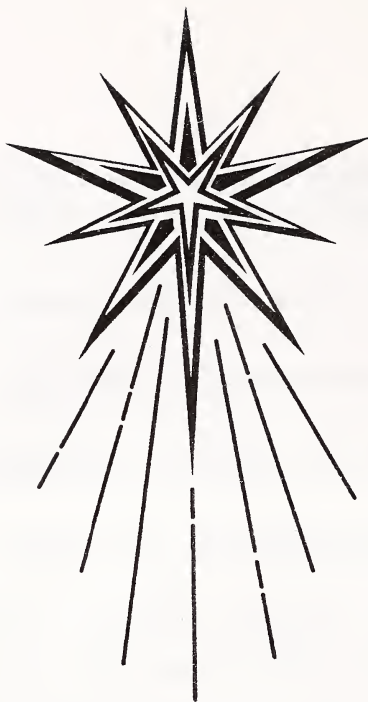
**WILBUR SNOOK - At Home**

**DORIS SNOOK - At Home**

**TERESA GRIER - Daughter of Sexton, Sandra Fryback,  
kidney stone surgery Thursday.**

**GLADYS HARSHBARGER - At Home**





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